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Education bill before voters

Package on November ballot

By T.R. HANRAHAN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

[Editor's note: This is the first in a series of stories on Proposition B, leading up to the Nov. 5 election. Next week's story looks at the impact its failure would have on Missouri Southern.]

Proposition B is not simple. The Nov. 5 ballot issue is a proposal designed to raise \$385 million in taxes to give Missouri schools a financial booster shot.

Of the monies, \$190 million would be earmarked for elementary and secondary education, \$190 million would be targeted for higher education, and \$5 million would go to job development and training.

"It's a long way from what we needed, but it is a long way from what we have," Missouri Southern President Julio Leon told faculty members last week.

Public support for the measure varies, and passage depends on the message supporters send to voters, Leon said.

"The campaign will be based on pushing reform and showing we need the money," he said. "The public is very concerned with the question of accountability in a fiscal sense. The public is not likely to give us money for more of the same."

Leon showed faculty figures from Missourians for Quality Education indicating only 36 percent of voters would support a funding measure for education with no provision for reform. With reforms, support increased to 65 percent.

Reforms were included in Proposition B to gain the support of Gov. John Ashcroft and satisfy the public's desire for change, Leon said.

"People were convinced that when they voted for the lottery, it would solve all of our educational problems," he said. "In order to gain support we will have to show voters that we intend to improve things."

For Missouri colleges and universities, the plan would mean the revision of institutional missions, elimi-

nation of duplicate degree programs, and increased student access to higher education.

If passed, Proposition B would require colleges to refine and focus their missions and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE) to eliminate unnecessary duplication of programs.

"Proposition B delegates a lot of authority to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president. "They would develop a statewide plan for revision of missions and suggest other reforms."

In addition to mission changes, the proposal calls for expansion of Harris-Stowe State College and name changes for Southwest Missouri State University, Central Missouri State University, Missouri Western State College, and Missouri Southern.

Proposition B also provides for improvements for existing facilities. At least \$40 million would be spent annually on facility and equipment maintenance.

Elementary and secondary schools would be eligible for funds by reducing the average class size, guaranteeing the basic skills of their graduates, and revising teacher requirements to allow qualified professionals with a bachelor's degree to enter the classroom as instructors.

The \$5 million for job development and training would fund apprenticeships in manufacturing or service-related industries and establish a critical skills program in occupations essential to the state's future.

The funds would be raised through a three-eighths cent sales tax increase, a 1.5 percent increase on corporate income above \$100,000, a five-cent per pack cigarette tax increase, a 10 percent tax on other tobacco products, and limiting the individual federal income tax deduction to \$7,500 per taxpayer.

The plan also includes provisions for a tax break for families. The dependent exemption would be increased to \$800.

PROPOSITION B ISSUES FUNDING AND EXPENDITURES

FUNDING

New Corporate tax rate: \$44 million

Add a 3/8 cent sales tax: \$167 million

Limited state deductions for Federal Income Taxes: \$138 million

Cigarette and other tobacco products tax: \$11.5 million

HIGHER EDUCATION

Changing and Improving the College System: \$105.2 million

More accountability to report student and college performance: \$11.5 million

Increase student access: \$21.1 million

Technology and facilities: at least \$40 million

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Smaller class size: \$15.3 million

Parents as teachers: \$5.7 million

Parents as partners: \$1.1 million

Children at risk in education: \$8 million

Vocational education: \$5.7 million

Excellence in Education Act of 1985: \$4 million

Funding for a revised school aid formula: \$150 million

JOB DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

Missouri job development fund: \$5 million

Missouri industrial development and reserves fund: Loans to local development projects.

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College announces Israel's successor

By KAYLEA HUTSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

In an effort to preserve the continuity of its assessment program, Missouri Southern yesterday named Dr. Delores Honey to replace the retiring Dr. Betty Israel as director of assessment.

Honey will keep her title as assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, but that position will be filled at a later date. She will continue as director of institutional research.

Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs, said Honey was chosen after he considered several candidates for the job.

"I could not think of a person who is more highly qualified or who's got more energy, or drive, or capabilities," Brown said. "That will enable us to continue our excellent program and not to lose any momentum."

Although College policy calls for a national search to fill administrative vacancies, this search took place on-campus, Brown said, due to the nature of the program.

"The paramount theme in making sure this position was filled," he said, "was not to lose any time, or not to have any pause in our efforts because assessment is so important to us."

With that theme in mind, Honey was "a virtually obvious choice," he said. She was told of the vacancy on her return from Oxford University in England earlier this month.

Brown said he will assume most of Honey's former duties until a replacement is named.

"I'm going to be a busy boy," he said, "but then I'm busy anyway. One of the things which makes [the change] possible for us is that she is a very organized person who permits a continuation of the kinds of things she has on hand without interruption."

Honey said Israel, who came to Southern in 1987, will provide some assistance.

"Dr. Israel is a person I respect a great deal," Honey said. "She has a lot of organizational ability and skills which made this assessment program have a really strong start."



Betty Israel Delores Honey

While she only took the post yesterday, Honey already has set several goals.

"I think we must keep the momentum going," she said. "If the communication is done correctly and we find out what the needs are from the departments on this campus, then we'll try to help them in any way so they can have the best assessment program that's available."

Honey views the appointment as a challenge, saying "challenges bring out the best in me."

Israel, who left the post July 31, is moving to Springfield with her husband, Jack, who has accepted a teaching position at Southwest Missouri State University. Jack Israel was fired in July as superintendent of the Joplin R-8 School District.

"It is with regret that I leave MSSC," Israel said. "It is a great place to work, and I had wonderful colleagues."

While Israel does not intend to return to work right away, she does not plan to stay retired for long.

"I am a goal-oriented person, and I like involvement with other people," she said. "I won't be able to be a couch potato, but I am not in any hurry to go back to work."

According to Israel, no major disappointments occurred during her term as director of assessment.

"If anything it is not a disappointment, but rather a recognition that things moved slowly," she said. "If I could have facilitated moving things a bit more rapidly, that would be the only thing which I would do differently."

Israel credits past successes with faculty and student cooperation.

Tiede to coordinate Proposition B efforts

By T.R. HANRAHAN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

With the battle for approval of Proposition B before them, College officials are making plans.

For starters, various committees have been created to inform the campus community about the Nov. 5 ballot item.

"Missourians for Higher Education has asked each college in the state to appoint campus coordinators in various areas," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president. "We have formed six committees here."

The six are student voter registration, employee information, volunteer recruitment, frequent voter list development, fund raising, and media relations. Most of the committees have not begun recruiting members.

Tiede was chosen by College President Julio Leon to coordinate Southern's efforts.

The student voter registration committee will arrange for voter

registration booths to be set up on campus in an effort to encourage students to vote.

"We even hope to be able to register out-of-state students," Leon said. "The key is to get as many voters as we can with an interest in this bill to the polls."

Leon was also careful to emphasize the College could not spend any state funds on support for the bill, but only on information.

Leon also told the faculty if Proposition B is unsuccessful, it is unlikely another funding package would be forthcoming soon.

"It could well be 1995 before we see a package again, simply because of the politics involved," he said.

Leon also outlined figures estimating the number of votes the measure would need for passage.

"There are approximately 2.7 million registered voters in the state," he said. "The expected turnout is around 30 percent, or 900,000 votes. That means we need 450,001 votes for passage."

QUIT DOZING OFF



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Carl Speer guides a bulldozer in filling a ditch for electric lines in the Webster Communications and Social Science Building. Completion of the \$7.5 million project is estimated to be late June 1992.

Construction nears phase two

College receives \$4.6 million loan approval for new building

By ANGIE STEVENSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In spite of Gov. John Ashcroft's veto of a bill to provide additional funding, a \$4.6 million loan approval has put the construction of the Webster Communications and Social Science Building full-speed ahead.

According to Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, the College decided in December to accept a bid without knowing for certain where all the money would come from.

"One driving force in completion when we did this last December was the recession," he said. "Because of it, we got some real favorable bids—about \$1 million below the architect's estimate. It makes good economic sense to risk paying \$200,000 in interest in order to save \$1 million in the long run."

Funding has trickled in, beginning with a \$250,000 allocation in 1989 and followed by \$900,000 a year later. Those combined amounts provided enough funds to build the infrastructure, which is now visible

and nearing completion.

With the loan approved, construction will continue with phase two. The College originally planned to ask the state to pay for the completion in full, but later opted to request payment of the interest on the loan. Although the funding was denied, Tiede still is confident.

"It's not a worry to us, or we wouldn't have done it," he said. "It's unusual for a state institution to finance its own building perhaps, but it's simply analogous to what you do when you build a house. We have taken out a construction loan just in order to get us through to the next legislative year."

College President Julio Leon, who has lobbied for the building extensively in Jefferson City, is optimistic as well.

"I feel very, very confident that the legislature will give us the money," he said. "No. 1, because we are already obligated. Secondly, because over the last two or three years, this has been the No. 1 priority of the state. No. 3, the state has never left a building unfinished."

According to Tiede, "everybody's committed" to the project. He said the building is needed by the College to "catch up with its growth."

"We've got communications majors spread out everywhere—Hearnes [Hall], the Mansion, Kuhn [Hall]—we want to pull all the splintered groups together," he said. "We've really not added a new building since we've experienced this rapid growth. Now, we're bursting at the seams; we're out of classrooms and out of office space."

The first floor of the new building will provide classroom space for several departments, including English, art, and mathematics, and also serve as a new home to MSTV and KXMS. The second floor will provide classroom and office space for the social science department, and the third floor will be used by the communications department, including *The Chart* and *Crossroads*.

Tiede estimates completion of the \$7.5 million structure in June, giving "a couple of months leeway" before the fall semester of 1992.

Lambert remains at position

By ANGIE STEVENSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Last spring's nationwide search came up empty-handed, once more delaying Dr. Joe Lambert's resignation as head of the English department.

Lambert, who has been at the College since 1970, told *The Chart* in February he had been planning to step down for two years, but was persuaded by College President Julio Leon to "hang on a little longer."

It seems fate would have Lambert stay on longer still. The search for

a replacement was narrowed to three candidates, according to Lambert, but by the time the search committee reached a decision, the candidates already had accepted positions elsewhere.

"I'm somewhat disappointed," said Lambert, who is anxious to return to the classroom full-time. "I'm interested, though, for the sake of the department, to find a good head, so I'll stay on until they do."

Another initiative to fill the position has begun, with advertisements being placed in national journals. Dr. Robert Brown, vice president

for academic affairs, said those who applied last year also will be notified. He said Missouri Southern is "fortunate that Dr. Lambert has graciously agreed to remain department head."

"We didn't find exactly the person we were looking for," Brown said. "We did have some people to the campus, but they ended up taking positions elsewhere."

Lambert believes Southern's size is one contributor to the inconclusive search.

"As a relatively small school, we have to remember we're competing

nationally," he said. "We have to go at a pace that's certainly sufficient to us. We wouldn't want to rush someone in and have them turn out to be the wrong person."

Brown said it is not so much a question of speed as it is one of timing.

"Each academic discipline has a different rhythm for when people take jobs," he said. "It is difficult to say whether our searches are too long or too short."

Several other searches were successful, however, as more than 20 new faculty—some replacements,

others additions—were hired for the new academic year. According to Brown, a search was not conducted for the position of dean of the school of business. Jim Gray, who served as acting dean last year, has been named the permanent replacement.

Gray said he received the news over the summer and is happy to remain dean on a permanent basis.

"I'll basically be continuing what's been done in the past," he said. "Given the caliber of people we work with in the school of business, I see the dean as a coordinator. They really do an excellent job."

Nursing majors pass boards

By TROY COMEAU
STAFF WRITER

Perfect is the only way to describe the July performance of Southern nursing students on their state boards.

All 36 students passed the National Council of Licensing Examinations, also known as the State Board Examination. According to Dr. Barbara Box, director of the nursing program, this is not unusual for Southern's nursing hopefuls.

"This is the third successive year that 100 percent of the students have passed," she said. "It is very exciting."

The test, administered July 9-10 in Springfield, was a big step in the students' lives.

"It is pretty much the ultimate examination in their education, and it is exciting when they pass," Box said. "It is something most of them prepared for from the start."

Box said the 1991 graduates are a

special group.

"They were all highly motivated and enthusiastic," she said. "They were positive about their education, as well as their career."

Although the students did most of the work, a big part of their learning came from faculty members.

"The faculty really made a difference on the outcome," Box said. "They are highly qualified in their field. We have much expertise in both the teaching and practice of nursing. We also have a good student-to-faculty ratio, and the faculty really care."

One faculty member said the best way to describe the students was "confident."

"They were well prepared and confident," said Willie Shippee, assistant professor of nursing. "There were a few questions on the test that they hadn't covered, but overall they were well prepared."

Mary Zustiak, a student who took

the exam, said the greatest help for her was the preparation before the test.

"It was a hard test," she said. "I basically did the review out of the review book to prepare."

Zustiak said stress was the hardest variable to control.

"You can make yourself as stressed out as you want to be," she said. "I just took it like any test and studied hard for it."

According to Box, despite their nervousness they were ready.

"The students had a sense of confidence because of the education they received here," she said. "The review course helped emphasize and review the main points for the exam. They had butterflies and the typical anxiety that goes along with any big test, but they were prepared."

Now that the students have passed, they carry the title of Registered Nurse (R.N.) and can practice nursing in the state of Missouri.

ROOT OF THE PROBLEM



Freshman Rebecca Kinney surveys the removal of a dead spruce near the Billingsly Student Center Tuesday. The tree was transplanted to the site in February from the field near the main campus entrance.

Vowles outlines Senate goals

By JENNIFER RUSSELL
STAFF WRITER

Potential Student Senate officers are gearing up for an upcoming election, and according to Senate President Bryan Vowles, student government plays an important role.

"[It] draws people from all four classes, bringing a mix of opinions from 36 people, giving us an idea of what goes on around campus," he said.

Aside from its main purpose, which is allocating funds to various organizations across campus, Vowles said the Senate serves other functions.

"We're a 'middle man' between

the faculty and students," he said. "If students don't feel comfortable speaking with the administration themselves, they can come to us."

Vowles also has a goal for the year. "I want to not just be up here [in the Senate office] and make decisions," he said. "I want to hear what the students have to say."

Vowles also wants to accomplish more than the simple allocation of money. He believes a task facing this year's Senate is helping to pass Proposition B, a state education bill on the November ballot. Vowles, who wants his Senate to emphasize the importance of registering student voters, is making plans to launch

such a campaign.

The Senate is hoping to get more involved with public relations this year. One project involves working with the Joplin United Way.

Thirty-six positions are open—nine from each class. Petitions for election can be picked up starting Monday, Sept. 9 in the student services office. Campaigning will take place until election day, Wednesday, Sept. 25.

Vowles thinks students want "honesty and sincerity, and will want someone to talk to with their ideas."

"If I could do one thing this year," he said, "I'd like students, administration, and staff to feel comfortable talking."

Retention expert to lead workshop

Syracuse University's Dr. Vincent Tinto will lead a special workshop Sept. 5 to explore the causes and cures of student attrition at Missouri Southern.

Tinto, a professor of sociology and education, is the author of a theory which has become the benchmark by which research on student attrition is judged. His latest book, *Leaving College: Rethinking the Causes and Cures of Student Attrition*, explains the theory and gives sugges-

tions for the application of institutional policies to enhance student retention.

"It was generally felt that bringing in an expert would be best so that we (the faculty and staff) could learn together," Elaine Freeman, director of retention for the College, said. "Being a commuter school presents Southern with a different set of variables when you talk about retention."

Freeman said Tinto's presentation

will begin with an overall view of his theory, but the seminar would focus on Southern's retention concerns.

"We have to take into consideration that some students do not fit into that traditional mold," Freeman said. "We're no longer just looking at the 18-year-old, fresh-out of high school, who is in and out [of college] in four years."

Freeman said nearly 40 percent of Southern's students are considered to be "non-traditional."

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Conklin accepts top post

By BRYAN MEARES
STAFF WRITER

Marty Conklin, former assistant trainer and wellness coordinator, has accepted the post of head trainer, replacing Kevin Lampe.

Conklin, a 1982 Southern graduate, began working at the College in 1988. He believes his new role will be a challenging one.

"He's (Lampe) left some pretty big shoes to fill. Basically my goal is to continue the level he attained."

Conklin plans several additions to the sports medicine program.

"I'm going to expand the number of trainers to about 20 (from seven or eight) and try to initiate some cooperative programs with local hospitals," he said.

Southern's sports medicine program is a fairly new one. An athletic training program did not exist until 1978. When Lampe arrived in 1981, the College still was without a training room or equipment.

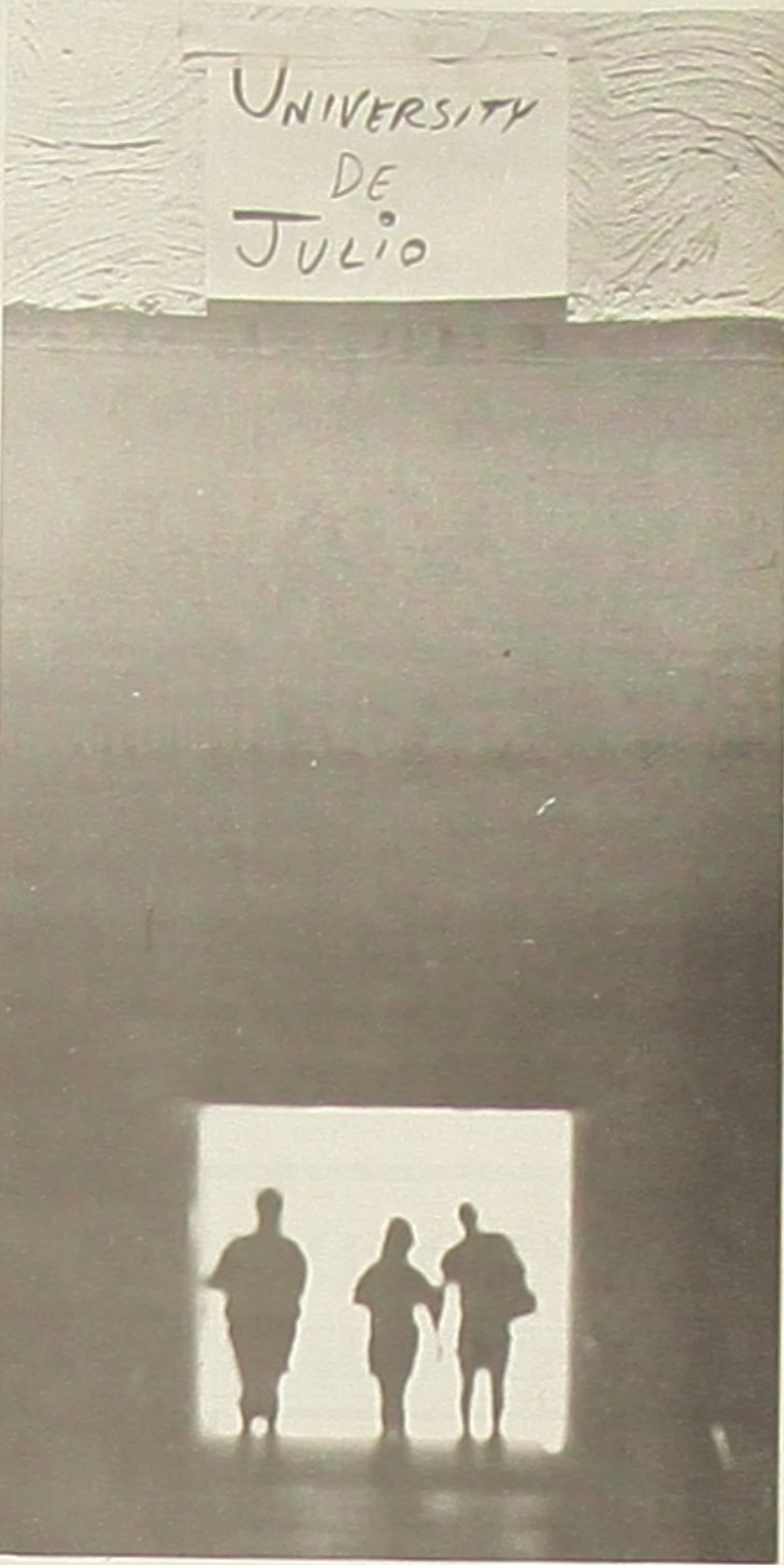
Lampe also was instrumental in establishing an athletic training minor. Many of his graduates have attained professional jobs.

Lampe said he is proud of his former students, notably Conklin and Jean Hobbs, new wellness coordinator and assistant trainer. He feels safe leaving the program in their hands.

"Both of these people are exceptional," he said. "If I had not had the security of knowing these people will carry on, it would have been much tougher to leave."

Lampe resigned in June because he believed "it was time for me to make a professional advancement." He now is director of physical medicine at Joplin's Freeman Hospital.

A NAME CHANGE?



On the first day of the fall semester, Aug. 19, students were greeted by various handmade signs around campus. This one, outside the Newman Road tunnel, proclaimed "University de Julio."

CHRIS COX/The Chart

Foreign travel: Gubera views conflict in Middle East

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A 27-day trip that ended Aug. 23 enabled Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology, to see first-hand both sides of the centuries-old conflict in the Middle East.

Under the auspices of the National Council for U.S.-Arab Relations, Gubera and nine other educators from colleges in the eastern United States toured Jordan, Syria, Israel, and the occupied territories.

Gubera said the purpose of the trip was to give American educators a chance to see the people involved in the conflict on a personal basis.

"Our mission is to deliver to our communities and to incorporate into our classes the information and our impressions of what we saw over there," he said. "We are also doing

some writing for the National Council and the United Nations."

The National Council for U.S.-Arab Relations sponsors programs for American educators and is underwritten by private donations and contributions from 16 Arab countries.

"I'm one of 260 fellows associated with various American colleges and universities on the council," Gubera said. "Ten of us were chosen for this program."

"We were briefed by ministers of state, including the vice president, minister of defense, and others in Jordan and ranking members of the Israeli Labour Party," Gubera said. "We were featured on national television in Syria, Jordan, and Israel."

According to Gubera, some of the sights had an emotional impact on the visiting educators.

"Even if you are somewhat of a

fall-back on religion, you can't help but be moved when you stand in the place where Jesus was crucified."

The group saw a cross-section of the warring factions in Jerusalem. Gubera said the walled city of Jerusalem is only about 250 acres.

"Within this area are holy places that appeal to millions of people all over the world," he said. "The proximity of these places is so close, there is always tension."

They also visited the occupied territories of the West Bank, the Golan Heights, and the Gaza Strip. In the Gaza Strip, the group encountered youths involved in the Palestinian uprising.

"The youths had masks and carried tire tools, knives, and other weapons," Gubera said. "They saw the U.N. busses and immediately dispersed."

Students, instructors tour Western Europe

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Students and faculty from Missouri Southern left their mark in several Western European countries this summer.

Dr. Vernon L. Peterson, associate professor of communications, and five Southern students spent one month at the University of Salamanca, the oldest university in Spain.

Julie Campbell, junior Spanish major; Kevin Harbolt, senior Spanish major; Suzanne Whitmore, senior psychology major; Daniel Baker, post-graduate history major; and Mende Richardson, sophomore education major, took part in the "Salamanca Experience." The program was arranged through the University of Rhode Island.

"We were registered with the university, and all our credits will come from there," Peterson said.

According to Campbell, each stu-

dent earned six credit hours.

"The classes were a conglomerate of students from all over the world," she said.

Campbell said the trip gave her a "fresh appreciation" of the United States.

"Water was expensive, and ice was rare because electricity to run refrigeration was expensive," she said. "You basically had to rough it."

Southern provided a \$1,000 scholarship to Peterson and each of the students.

"I don't think any of us would have gone [without the scholarship]," Peterson said. "We are very indebted to our school, and we hope to share the wealth we found [in Spain] with students here."

Peterson said group members toured the Spanish countryside as a part of their studies at the university.

"The excursions were led by guides who were thoroughly prepared to do an academic presentation," Peterson

said.

Much of the rest of Western Europe was covered by Pete Havelly and Bill Elliott, associate professors of music who took a 23-day fact-finding tour of England, Scotland, Wales, Belgium, Holland, Austria, Germany, and Czechoslovakia.

According to Havelly, they spent much of the trip researching ethnic music.

"The idea is to possibly develop an ethnic music course in the future," he said. "This [trip] was just the first step."

Havelly and Elliott visited several museums throughout Western Europe.

"We visited museums and folk centers as well as a few festivals," he said.

Elliott was impressed with the town of Salisbury in England.

"It has a sense of history with a combination of the prehistoric features and the Norman and the Saxon influence," he said.

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Time for action

It's about time. Missouri education finally has gotten a tax package. The Economic Survival Act of 1991, or Proposition B, is literally that. If passed, the Nov. 5 ballot item would provide reforms and pump \$385 million into the near-empty veins of the state educational system.

Funding would come from increased taxes, but the impact on a two-earner family with two dependents and an annual income of \$32,500 would be 42 cents a month. Are we so miserly that \$8.04 a year is too much to pay for the future of Missouri education?

In the past, Gov. John Ashcroft has been a convenient whipping boy for those who sought additional funding for Missouri schools. The governor made himself easy editorial fodder each time he pulled the rug out from under a funding package. Back then, it was easy for us to criticize. We did. Now, however, it is up to us.

Until only recently it seemed we would never be in the same political bed with the governor, but with Proposition B we are. According to a Southern administrator, if Proposition B fails, "it would be worse for us than anybody." When you consider that Southern ranks last in state appropriations per student, those words hit home.

The politics of necessity make strange bedfellows. Should Proposition B fail, we won't have Ashcroft to blame this time. If we fail to see the dangers of the present funding shortage and refuse to use our actions and vote to make a difference, the place we must look for the scapegoat is in the mirror.

Stick to policy

While we congratulate Dr. Delores Honey on her appointment as the new director of assessment, we feel the speed and manner in which the choice was made begs a question.

Is Missouri Southern's policy of conducting a national search in matters of personnel only selectively applicable?

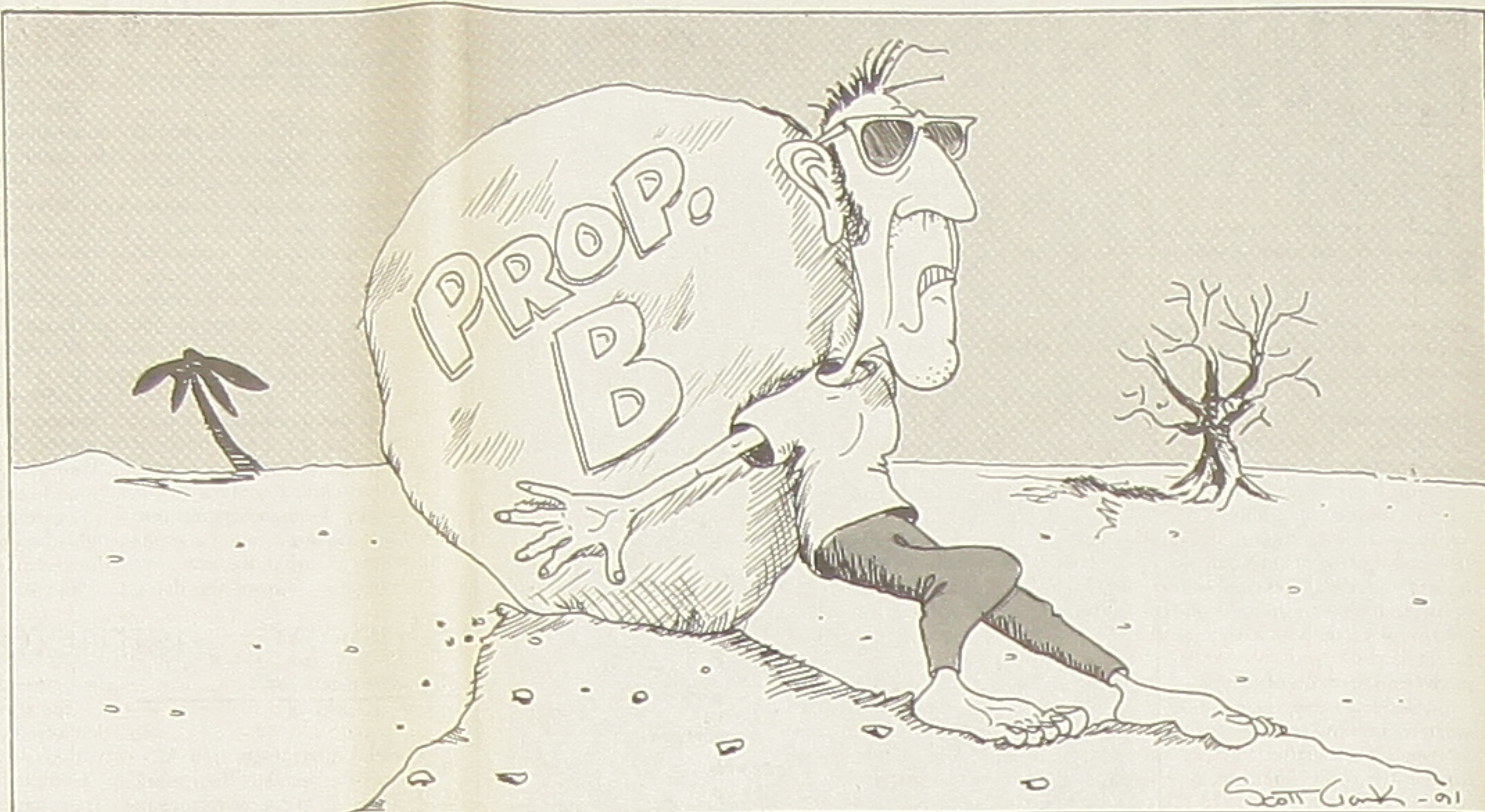
In the past year, three key administrative moves have forsaken the search process. The individuals selected have been highly qualified, to be sure. Yet the tendency to hire from within, without considering the national pool, not only limits choices but raises questions of institutional nepotism.

We feel the process of a search can only serve to strengthen both the quality of the individuals and reinforce their credibility.

It's a good policy; let's follow it without making exception after exception.

YOUR LETTERS

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Electives can prove expensive for some

By ANGIE STEVENSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

What do I want to be when I grow up? Good question. When I was five, the answer was easy—I was going to be a superstar, of course. But 14 years later, I'm not so sure. I'm running out of time to make a decision. The junior year of college is when students are advised to begin writing prospective employers, vying for internships, and the like. That's going to be a neat trick for me, considering I seem to change my mind every month or so in reference to who prospective employers might be.

Call me unfocused, call me indecisive. So be it. Regardless, one reason four-year colleges and universities are now keeping their students five and six years may be because they have a batch of students just like me. That in itself is not a problem. The problem, I believe, lies in the rigid structure one must follow in order to graduate. From the moment of enrollment, many students are racing against time to meet all of their "graduation requirements." There are so many courses we have to take there is little opportunity for experimentation.

No, I'm not knocking the core curriculum. In fact,



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I believe the ideology that higher education must be something more than trade school should be carried one step further. College should provide students the chance to—forgive the trite expression—broaden their horizons. One vehicle for this may be the elective. By elective, I don't mean physical education or study hall—remember that in high school? Most of the "Suggested Order of Study" plans we follow in the catalog allow very few electives at all, especially during those critical, decision-filled, first two semesters. Even those who have not yet declared a major are so busy rushing to get a jump on their general requirements they don't have a chance to take a course just because it sounds interesting. And once a major is declared...

Right after your name and class standing, everyone wants to know your major. Society seems to have this obsession with categories. I had a terrible time deciding which one I wanted to choose. Did I want to try and fulfill my childhood dream? If so, I should have majored in theatre or music. But I always liked art, too. I'd heard the horrors of changing majors—my cousin is on her fourth. (Or is it fifth? I've lost count.) What? Go through college on the eight-year plan? Thanks, but no thanks.

So I chose a major—communications—hoping to combine all of my loves. And while it did do that to

an extent, I still found myself yearning to take other courses. Now, in my junior year, I have some breathing room to do so. And I may just have found a career that sounds perfect for me. Trouble is, it's not in my major. So now what?

Well, in my situation, I don't think it will be a big problem. Because I'm a semester ahead of the game, I can stick with my major and perhaps add a related minor. Not everyone has that luxury.

There are a lot of unhappy people in the world today who aren't satisfied with their careers. I believe a big part of this is because they were rushed into deciding what they wanted to do.

I realize that restructuring the system by which colleges operate is not feasible. Majors are important in their own right; however, maybe less importance should be placed on them. Students should be encouraged to take courses outside their major. Of course, with the way things are structured now, that is difficult to do. If the ultimate goal of a liberal arts institution is to give students a well-rounded education, it would be nice to have a little more freedom of choice as well.

I guess my problem is that I want to do too many things. It's hard to choose just one. That brings me to the original question.

What do I want to be when I grow up? Maybe it's not such a good question after all; actually, it's contradictory. I should be allowed to grow up first. Then I will be more able to decide what I want to be.

Challenges aid students' learning process

By BRYAN VOWELS
STUDENT SENATE PRESIDENT

Another summer has come and gone, and like many of you I am finding my note-taking skills a little rusty. I want to welcome back the student body as well as your new Student Senate officers: Amber Commons, vice president; Pam Chong, secretary; and Lory St. Clair, treasurer. We are preparing ourselves for the challenges of the upcoming year.

As classes begin this semester, we are all facing new academic challenges. It is true that the time spent in class is important, but this is not the only place we learn. Classes are just a small part of the learning process of life. Through both good and bad experiences, in and out of class, we add a little experience and knowledge for the



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future. Taking on new challenges not only enhances the learning process but makes life more exciting. I would like to challenge you to try something new this year at Southern. Running for Student Senate, participating in intramural sports, joining a student organization, writing for *The Chart*, or going to a theatre production are just a few of the many activities you have the opportunity to participate in while you are here.

This is an especially critical year for Missouri Southern as well as for all of higher education in the state of Missouri. In November voters will be choosing whether or not to provide more revenue in order to improve education. Passage of Proposition B will enable Missouri Southern State College to become Missouri Southern State University. All students need to realize that failure of this bill to pass will most likely result in much higher fees for Missouri college students in the future. As your Senate president this

year, I intend to work hard to assist students in registering to vote. I am currently a member of a campus committee which will be bringing officials to register students. Anyone 18 years old or older may register to vote right here in Joplin, even if you are from another state. Contact the student services office if you have any questions.

As Student Senate president, I want the Senate to be considered more than simply the organization that distributes funds to various student organizations. Although allocation of funds is a major responsibility of Student Senate, it is not our only objective. I hope Student Senate will be responsible and will sincerely listen to students' ideas, problems, and complaints. One purpose of Student Senate is to serve as a liaison between the student body and the administration. Students do have a voice on campus, and we want to hear from you.

Many challenges await Student Senate this year. However, I believe through hard work, input from the student body and faculty, plus cooperation among the Senate officers, this year will be both rewarding and enjoyable. The Student Senate is here for you.



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Failed coup leaves Boris Yeltsin riding high

By EDWARD MARTIN

INST. OF BUSINESS AND RUSSIAN

Let's start out by giving Mikhail Gorbachev his due. Whether by accident or design, he was responsible for unleashing the forces of change that swept over Eastern Europe and are now at work in the Soviet Union.

This earns him a place in history, but his time has now passed. This was no more evident than during the nationally televised meeting in the Russian Parliament in which Gorbachev maintained that he was still a part of the Communist Party and still believed that it had an important role to play in the future of the country.

Boris Yeltsin then used the same venue to sign a decree suspending all activities of that same party in the Russian Republic, in the army, and in the KGB. He even suspended operations of *Pravda*, the newspaper which was started by Lenin himself and which is the official organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Similar actions have been taken in other republics. Gorbachev may still be for the party, but Yeltsin has already turned out the lights on it.

How did Gorbachev end up being

attacked from both the right and left? How is it that either Eduard Shevardnadze or Aleksandr Yakovlev, both former Gorbachev lieutenants who left him fearing a coup, representing the forces of reform could replace him as President of the Soviet Union in the upcoming elections, while at the same time he will have to watch the trials of the coup leaders who also were former lieutenants and, in fact, men whom he appointed to replace reformers?

Gorbachev is a great political tactician, bending this way and that to every current in the political winds. He has changed from hardliner to reformer and back, depending on conditions. He undoubtedly will now try to appeal to the reformers, claiming he was always with them, just as earlier in the year he took a sharp turn toward the hardliners when that suited his needs. This flip-flopping worked as long as he could hold out the hope for improvement of life in the Soviet Union and there was no one willing to challenge him, but as the economy deteriorated, people on both sides of the political spectrum have grown tired of his abrupt changes. The results are the events of the past week. One can not help but wonder, which was harder for Gorbachev, being overthrown by his handpicked aids, or being humiliated by Yeltsin on national TV?

Boris Yeltsin clearly is the force to be reckoned with now. He is to be



BORIS YELTSIN

a man of action. His forces were better prepared for a coup than were the coup leaders themselves. After the coup, Gorbachev appointed new men to fill the posts vacated by the coup leaders. Twenty-four hours later, Yeltsin replaced these appointments with his own men. Yeltsin was cheered at the victory celebration in Moscow and in the Russian Parlia-

ment. Gorbachev skipped the celebration and was heckled and lectured in the Parliament.

Yeltsin has a mantle of legitimacy that Gorbachev lacks. He was elected to his post. Gorbachev comes up for his first election next summer. Yeltsin quit the party in disgust. Gorbachev clings to it out of a sense of loyalty and desperation, not recognizing that it is a spent force. Gorbachev is still the nominal President of the Union but that means little today. The rank and file of the military are with Yeltsin. Yeltsin men are now in charge of the KGB, the Defense Ministry, and the Interior Ministry. The central government and Gorbachev's control over the republics has all but disappeared.

Yeltsin acts. He quit the party, he ran for president, he challenged Gorbachev, and he saved Russia from a coup. Gorbachev, on the other hand, is seen as a man with 1,001 plans that never seem to be implemented. He talks, schemes, and maneuvers, but things never seem to improve. He is viewed as more concerned with other countries and tending to foreign affairs than repairing the deteriorating situation in the Soviet Union.

Finally, Yeltsin is one of them. He has charisma. Gorbachev has alienated whatever personal support he ever had. The perfect metaphor for Russians is that Yeltsin is known as a man who likes his bourbon, while

Gorbachev is known as the man who tried to make them give up their vodka.

So what comes next in the Soviet Union? The idea that a few thousand citizens of Moscow could force the central government to back down would have been unthinkable just a few years ago. While this shows that much has changed in the Soviet Union, it also shows that there is still a long way to go for democratic reforms. A large part of the country sat out the fight, waiting to see what would happen. There were no general strikes and a few mass demonstrations. Even in Moscow, where the main battle for freedom was fought, the overwhelming majority of the population just watched, and Moscow no more represents the general feeling of the people of the country than does Washington represent the United States.

There is a time of great chaos ahead for the people of Russia and the rest of the Soviet Union. There is cause for great optimism, but the defeat of the coup does not translate into more food in the stores or the eliminating of the root causes for discontent by both the right and left. That can only be done by true economic and political reform, not the smoke and mirrors of Gorbachev's perestroika.

Nationalism is on the rise. The Baltic states are even now reasserting their claims for independence. Yel-

sin has said that he recognizes them. Other republics are sure to follow. The Soviet Union can survive without Estonia, but can it survive without Ukraine? Ethnic disputes like those in Yugoslavia are likely to increase as the central authority withers away. Russian nationalism still looms as a serious problem, and the coup leaders must still be dealt with. Russia has scant experience with democracy, but it does have a history of terrible purges and witch hunts. Signs of this are already appearing in the treatment given to party members. Yeltsin and his supporters are pushing for a speedy trial for the ringleaders, but Gorbachev may resist for fear of what they will say about him.

Yeltsin appears to be quite the democrat now, but he also has a reputation as a person who likes to have his own way. The dissolution of the party apparatus will be no easy matter either. To rephrase Winston Churchill, the still fragile infant of Soviet democracy may yet be smothered in its cradle by the forces that are now being unleashed.

Finally, if history does indeed look back at this week in August as a watershed in history, it will note with irony that while Gorbachev thought he could save the Soviet Union by introducing glasnost and perestroika, he may well have destroyed it instead.

LURIE'S WORLD



"Holy Lenin, Gorby - - you've lost so much weight!"

Lithuania to continue fighting for more democracy in Baltics

By KOSTAS BIRULIS

LOS ANGELES TIMES SYNDICATE

[Kostas Birulis is the Lithuanian minister of communications. As a member of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Lithuania—the cabinet of President Vytautas Landsbergis—he is to date the highest-ranking Baltic official to write on last week's failed coup against Mikhail Gorbachev.]

The failed Soviet coup that blew in like a storm swept open the door to genuine Baltic independence. Up until Aug. 19, the Communist Party hard-liners, the Soviet military, and the KGB lurked in the shadows, sabotaging democratic processes, ordering bloody massacres of unarmed civilians and inciting ethnic hatreds. With their shameful attempt to overthrow Mikhail Gorbachev, these Soviet plotters came out in the open, hoping to block progress by force and salvage their deteriorating base of power.

Lithuania knows the cold grip of Soviet hard-liners well. They made their presence felt at the Vilnius TV tower with the January massacre and at our borders with violent attacks on Lithuanian customs posts. One such raid ended with the execution-style murders of seven young men as President Bush was in Moscow meeting with Mr. Gorbachev. The perpetrators of these crimes have gone unpunished, and Soviet leaders continue to feign ignorance.

Supported by Moscow reactionaries, the Communist Party of Lithuania has been spreading nonsensical disinformation using independent broadcast facilities seized by Soviet troops. A sampling of their allegations: Lithuanians are unbridled nationalists waiting for the chance to kill ethnic Russians; Lithuanian chauvinists will strip na-

tional minorities of their language and cultural identity. Unfortunately, uneducated and ignorant elements of our society fall victim to this propaganda, actively promulgated by the KGB and the entrenched Soviet bureaucracy.

Such was the backdrop to the failed coup. Tension was in the air. Rumors were running rampant, and Soviet military personnel would often threaten "extremists" with plans to "restore order." We were waiting for the other shoe to drop. And it did. But things did not go the way of the coupmakers, for as soon as it was over, it was evident that their plot did wonders to buttress reform in the collective psyche and to stifle fear of Stalinist-style tactics. The Russian people defiantly chose democracy and freedom, bravely defended their sovereignty, and saved other freedom-loving republics from bloody confrontation with the Soviet military machine.

Even though it is difficult to predict the consequences of the dramatic events in Moscow, the following is clear: the process of democratization will continue, nations will practice their right to self-determination, and the ratification of the strategic arms agreement will not be abandoned.

With the threat of a military coup gone, the situation in the U.S.S.R. can stabilize, and a restructuring of the government in the Russian republic, and at the all-union level, is likely.

No doubt a new union treaty will be signed, with Ukraine probably declining to participate. New or re-established independent nation-states will emerge: the Baltic states for sure, with Moldavia, Georgia, Armenia, and Ukraine in hot pursuit.

The West, specifically the United States, should follow in the footsteps of Iceland, Denmark, and Russia

and immediately recognize the non-Soviet republics of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. Diplomatic recognition would help stabilize the political situation and dispel any remaining illusions that the Soviet empire can or will survive. This action would pressure the U.S.S.R. and Russia to move more swiftly toward solving their own economic problems.

Ideally, the signing of the new union treaty should be followed by a revision of the election laws which to this day automatically guarantee one-third of all seats in parliament to the party nomenklatura, both at the republican and all-union level.

It is in the best interest of the Soviet Union to begin negotiations with the Baltic states at once and to prepare an agreement within one or two months for re-establishing Baltic independence and furthering Soviet-Baltic economic ties. We must view the present situation realistically: Clear-cut conditions for Soviet troops stationed on Baltic territory must be set until complete withdrawal is possible. As Baltic citizens, we know the grave danger the Soviet military establishment poses personally to our families and our homelands. That is why this question needs to be resolved, and quickly.

The Baltic governments will continue running their own affairs, taking control of their borders, issuing their own passports and currency. These processes are already underway and continue to be of primary concern. They are followed by our desire to be integrated into the world community and admitted into international organizations, including the United Nations. We believe that a democratic Soviet Union can expedite and help resolve many of these complex issues.

Soviet republics reject coup attempt in support of Yeltsin

Two Baltic states break away from central authority

THE ECONOMIST

Most Soviet republics rejected the attempted coup. Some did so firmly and others delicately, but the message was the same. They could react quickly because the coup was ineptly organized and, by past Soviet standards, not very frightening. There were no pre-dawn arrests, still less any summary executions. The opposition could still speak out, and it did.

All that the State Committee for the State of the Emergency could manage was to send columns of tanks toward some republican capitals, close down some television and radio stations (while leaving others transmitting as usual), and stop some newspapers. Nationalists in all the republics were encouraged by the hesitation of the plotters. Middle-rank army officers showed signs of bewilderment and said they were without clear orders.

The commander of the Baltic military region informed Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania that he had assumed supreme authority and appointed local commandants. But his appointees made no effort to take over municipal offices or local parliaments.

Estonia and Latvia took the plunge and declared full "periods of transition", bringing themselves in line with Lithuania. This prompted some 40 Black Berets to throw smoke grenades at the crowds in Riga's main square and beat people with rubber hoses. The crowds chanted, "Fascists go home. We are for Yeltsin." All three Baltic governments supported Boris Yeltsin. The Lithuanian parliament rushed through ratification of its treaty with the Russian federation on the day of the coup itself. Joint resistance to the coup may lead to a diminution of ethnic differences between the Balts and the local Russians.

The Ukraine sent mixed signals. Informed by the local military commander that the state of emergency would not apply to the Ukraine if it stayed quiet, the republic's wily president, Leonid Kravchuk, made a pretty compromise. He decided not to recognize the authority of the coup committee within the republic, but did not declare it to be unconstitutional and did not announce support for Yeltsin.

The opposition movement, Rukh, saw this as a betrayal of democracy. It organized rallies in most cities (about 10,000 people demonstrated in Lvov) and called for a general strike. Miners in the collieries of the Donetsk region said they were ready to close them down. The message to the coup committee was clear. Kravchuk's ambivalence, by contrast, may cost him votes in the Ukrainian presidential election due on Dec. 1.

Moldavia, which hopes one day to

be independent in close association with neighboring Romania, saw the coup as a clear threat to this goal. At least 100,000 people are said to have demonstrated in Kishinev, the capital, as tanks began to surround it. Moldavia's president, Mircea Snegur, refused to recognize the coup committee.

Kazakhstan's president, Nursultan Nazarbaev, declared the coup to be illegal, but, himself a crafty fellow, called on workers not to strike, to avoid economic chaos. Armenia, which relies on Moscow for help against Azerbaijan, its bigger and more powerful neighbor, also played it carefully. Without wishing to annoy anybody who might be in charge of the Kremlin in the coming weeks, it called for most ruthless oppression. And that was something the coup leaders were unwilling, or unable, to order.

On Monday afternoon, Aug. 19, the first barricades went up in the center of Moscow as people began to respond to Yeltsin's appeal to defend their parliament. By Tuesday night, Aug. 20, the building had become a defensive encampment bristling with steel bars, concrete blocks, buses slewed across the roads—anything that could be pressed into service as a makeshift barricade. Behind the barricades were the handful of dissident tanks, and a huge crowd gathered in torrential rain and mud to defy coup and curfew.

Gen. Kryuchkov himself, according to a Russian KGB officer, decided not to storm the parliament. When fighting did erupt in the streets of Moscow that night, it was 200 yards away near the American embassy. Four people died—one shot, three crushed when remonstrating with

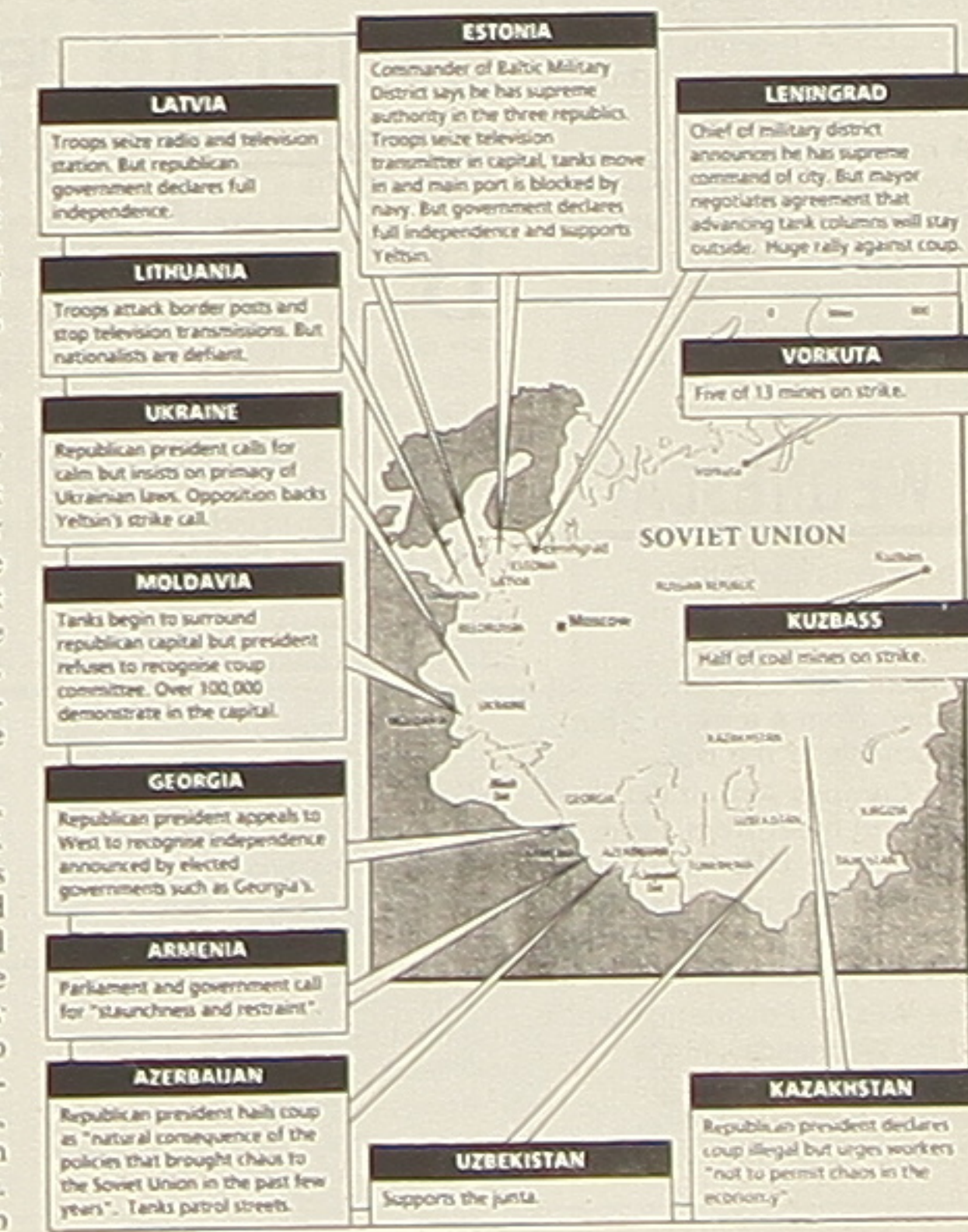
the tanks.

The failure to storm the parliament was a test that the junta failed. Unwilling to fill the streets with blood, yet unable to control the country in any other way, the conspirators turned against each other. A baffling series of rumors began, with one member after another reported to have left the group. First the prime minister was said to be ill and to have been replaced by his deputy (this was true). The defense minister and the KGB chief were said to have stepped down (this was not true). But even the rumors were revealing, because they pointed—correctly—to the junta's loss of nerve.

Narrowly escaping arrest at one of Moscow's airports, four of the committee's members fled the capital at midday on Aug. 21 to make some sort of appeal to Gorbachev in his dacha in the Crimea. But it was too late. As the defense ministry ordered all troops to leave Moscow, the presidium of the Soviet parliament formally reinstated Gorbachev in power. In the small hours of Aug. 22 he returned triumphantly to Moscow.

This was not a carefully prepared counter-revolution, using full military force. It was a botched constitutional coup d'état that had taken place a month earlier. On June 17 the prime minister asked parliament to reduce Gorbachev's powers and was supported by the men who made up this week's junta. Parliament rejected the demand and President Gorbachev, flanked by the defense, KGB, and police chiefs, laughingly observed that "the coup is over."

At last, it really is.



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29 TODAY

Student I.D. card photos will be taken from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and tomorrow in Room 306 of the BSC.

Intramural tennis sign-ups will be held until Sept. 5 in the racquetball office by the pool in Young Gymnasium. Sign-ups for intramural three-on-three sand volleyball will run until Sept. 6. The intramural golf league will take place on Sept. 4, 11, 18, and 25. The 18-hole games will cost \$6. Tee times are at 2 p.m., 2:45 p.m., and 3 p.m.

The Kappa Alpha fraternity will hold rush from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the BSC stairwell.

Sigma Nu will have an informational rush table in the Lions' Den of the BSC near Room 101.

The Latter Day Saints Students Association will meet with Dr. Robert Clark, associate professor of communications, at noon in Room 313 of the BSC.

Panhellenic rush is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the second- and third-floor lounges of the BSC.

30 TOMORROW

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Sigma Nu will have an informational rush table in the Lions' Den of the BSC.

A shrimp feed to welcome freshmen to campus will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Police Academy Room 125.

The "Kampus Kiss-A-Thon" will commence at noon in the campus oval. Proceeds will go to the Children's Miracle Network. Cost is \$1 per event.

Panhellenic Rush is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the second- and third-floor lounges of the BSC.

1 SUNDAY

An intrasquad soccer scrimmage begins at 2 p.m. at the soccer field.

The Wesley Foundation will hold its Sunday Nite Live meeting at 7 p.m. at the Newman Road United Methodist Church. A meal will be provided.

2 MONDAY

Labor Day Holiday

3 TUESDAY

Student I.D. card photos will be taken from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 306 of the BSC.

An LDSSA meeting will be held at noon in Room 313 of the BSC.

A mandatory meeting for anyone planning to student teach in the spring of 1992 will be held at 2:30 p.m. in Room 13 of Taylor Hall. There will be a \$6 student teacher application fee due at the meeting.

4 WEDNESDAY

An Orientation leaders' meeting will be at 7 a.m. in Room 310 of the BSC.

Student I.D. card photos will be taken from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 306 of the BSC.

The Campus Activities Board will meet from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in BSC Room 310.

A meeting of the Student Senate begins at 5:30 p.m. in Room 310 of the BSC.

The Wesley Foundation will hold its Wednesday night Bible study at 7:30 at the Newman Road United Methodist Church.

Lions' Den gets face-lift for fall

By BENJIE DENNIS
STAFF WRITER

A far cry from last year's colors of brown, beige, and orange, students were greeted by Missouri Southern hues of green and yellow when they entered the Lions' Den this month.

Val Carlisle, director of the Billingsly Student Center and coordinator of student activities, has been trying to bring about these changes for several years.

"When I came here in 1985, I put in a bid to redo the Lions' Den," Carlisle said. "They (the administration) told me it had just been done the year before and [they] had professional decorators do it."

She questioned the decorators' color choice.

"The colors picked weren't anything close to the school's," Carlisle said. "I wanted the den to have some school spirit and be an enjoyable place to associate."

Even after Carlisle's first proposal was rejected, she did not give up.

"I've put in a bid every year since then," she said, "but there was never enough funds to do what we wanted to do."

The involvement and concern of two students finally got the ball rolling this summer.

"This year, [Campus Activities Board members] Lory St. Clair and Dave Swenson got together and concentrated on all their ideas," Carlisle said. "We did the least expensive things first and tackled the bigger ones after that."

The hardest part of the renovation seemed to be the initial process, according to Carlisle.

"We had no plans at first," she said. "So we all got together and decided what color of white would look best with the ceiling tile. After that, we tested to see what colors looked best on the walls."

She said the new furniture already had been purchased, but was not being put to good use.

"The table and chairs came from

a movie room on the top floor of the student center," Carlisle said. "Nobody really ever seemed to use it up there, so we decided to move it where it could do some good."

The cost of the renovation was kept to a minimum by using things Southern already owned and the services of the physical plant staff.

"The paint and carpet was all we had to purchase," Carlisle said. "If Proposition B gets passed this fall, it might help with the future improvements to the center."

One wall has been left blank in the meantime.

"We are wanting to put some kind of huge lion on the empty wall," Carlisle said. "We are just waiting for a good sketch."

Re-upholstering the booths, preferably a dark green color, Carlisle said, is in the plans for the Lions' Den. She also would like to see signs of the different social groups put in certain areas to give students a way to contact them.

"I love the new changes," Carlisle said. "It makes the den look bigger and much more exciting."

According to Carlisle, the hard work was not without reward.

"It makes me and the others who worked on the changes feel really good to see students come in and show their approval of the center," she said. "We have worked really hard to bring these changes about."

Carlisle was not the only one who was happy to see the changes.

"We have been wanting to do this for a long time," said Doug Carnahan, director of student life. "The main problem was the approval of financial aid."

The new non-smoking rule has proven to be a plus for the Lions' Den.

"More students seem to be going there now that the non-smoking rule is in effect," Carnahan said. "Last year that was the place to go and smoke, and the non-smokers had a rough time staying down there."

Carnahan also would like to see an expansion of the entire BSC.

Greeks beat stereotype with charity, community work

Formal Rush a small part of activities for Greek social organizations

By P.J. GRAHAM
CAMPUS EDITOR

To some, becoming a member of a fraternity or sorority is like expanding their family.

"You make a lot of friends you can always count on," Melinda Dunaway, secretary of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, said. "Anywhere you go, there's going to be a Zeta around."

Kathy Miklos, president of Lambda Beta Phi, agrees with Dunaway. "There is always someone there for you," she said. "They (Greek members) make a lot of contacts—contacts on campus and around the community."

Nancy Disharoon, Greek Council adviser, said people tend to categorize sororities and fraternities.

"There are some people who are just not interested," she said. "They don't think it's for them; they don't think they're the sorority type of people."

"However, I think that stereotype is a little bit misleading. I've seen all

different types of people fit very much into the structure."

According to the Sigma Pi fraternity, there are other advantages in "going Greek." Besides brotherhood, members establish numerous business contacts, receive scholarship information, and obtain "teacher evaluations" (members inform other members of the best instructors on campus).

Sororities and fraternities kept busy this week with Greek rush activities ranging from barbecues to pool parties. The decision of which Greek organization rushers will belong to was decided this morning. Rush, according to Miklos, is nothing to be worried about.

"It's basically to get to know the girls," she said. "It's not all serious, and it's not scary; it shouldn't be."

Some of the members believe Greek organizations receive a bad reputation from movies like *Revenge of the Nerds*. Miklos said she thought the same way before coming to college, but she also pointed out that

A RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE?



Lincoln Knowles, freshman undecided, shows his stuff at Playfair, last Thursday's mixer and dance sponsored by the Campus Activities Board. Knowles was one of more than 600 freshmen in attendance.

Kappas, Lambdas help charity with kissing event tomorrow

By LORI CLEVENGER
STAFF WRITER

Kissing and charity are not often associated with one another, but two campus organizations will be smooching for the Children's Miracle Network.

The second annual "Kampus Kiss-A-Thon" begins at noon tomorrow on the campus oval. The event, a joint project of the Kappa Alpha fraternity and the Lambda Beta Phi sorority, will feature kissing booths, a "Hot Lips" contest, and a kiss-a-thon. Entry fees for each contest are \$1.

"If you don't want to kiss someone

you don't know in the booths, there are other ways to win," said Lisa West, Lambda Beta Phi member. "There is a 'Hot Lips' contest, or you can bring your boyfriend or girlfriend and kiss them."

The "Hot Lips" contest winner will be selected from entries submitted earlier this summer. Participants sent in a picture of their lips to be judged by members of a Kappa Alpha committee. The winner of the \$50 contest prize will be announced at noon tomorrow.

The grand-prize winners of the kiss-a-thon will receive \$100. All other proceeds will go to the Children's Miracle Network Telethon, to

benefit those in the four-state area.

"We selected the Children's Miracle Network as our charity because they not only help children with cancer, but they work with children in this area," said Stacie Sisk, event organizer and Lambda member.

The Lambdas and Kappa Alphas want to make the yearly event benefit various charities by involving themselves and other students.

"We hope to make this an all-Greek affair this year and in years to come," West said.

Organizers of the event said they hope every Greek organization will get involved.

Sigma Nu's believe this will make fraternities more acceptable to college campuses.

Also, the Sigma Nu's recently purchased a house at 1408 Jackson St. Disharoon said working with the community is a tradition of the Greeks.

"That was always one of the goals of that type of sisterhood or brotherhood," she said. "This (Greek life) is not only something for your own benefit, but it also enables you to serve the community."

The social sororities also have their share of activities. The Lambdas participate in the MS walk, help the Red Cross giftwrap at Christmas, and assist the Salvation Army and St. John's Regional Medical Center.

According to Dunaway, Zeta Tau Alpha also adopted a section of highway and assists the Association of Retarded Citizens, Super Cities Walk, and Oak Hill Hospital's Kid's Day. For Kid's Day (Halloween), the Zetas dress up in costume, hand out candy, and "just entertain the kids and be with them."

The Zetas also help with the Special Olympics and work a booth at the annual Joplin Fall Fiesta for the cystic fibrosis charity.

Disharoon, who became a member of the Phi Mu sorority when she attended college, said being Greek can develop qualities useful after graduation.

"It's something beyond friendship," she said. "It gives you a structure through which you develop some very important skills: leadership skills, managerial skills, organizational skills."

"It helps you to become comfortable with people with different personalities."

According to Disharoon, membership in a Greek social organization takes dedication. She said being a member consumes numerous hours of being involved in activities and estimates a member spends \$20 a month for those activities.

Donny Warden, Sigma Pi member, makes it clear that a person who is a Greek member must get involved: "You can't just pay \$25 and join."



All Campus Organizations

Photographs for the yearbook of all campus organizations may be taken at your choice of time on one of the following dates.

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| September 23 | 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. |
| September 24 | 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. |
| September 25 | 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. |
| September 26 | 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. |
| September 27 | 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. |
| September 28-29 | Open for appointments |
| September 30 | 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. |
| October 1 | 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. |
| October 2 | 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. |
| October 3 | 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. |

Location for group photographs will be in the Keystone Room on the third floor of Billingsly Student Center. Our phone number is 625-9596. Watch for announcements about individual photos for the yearbook, too!

UPCOMING EVENTS
CALENDAR

MO. SOUTHERN

"The Shadow Box:"
Presented by Southern
Theatre; Sept. 18-21; Taylor
Auditorium

Smith Kramer Exhibition:
Periods of art depicted in
more than 60 small paintings
encompass 1840-1960; Thru
Oct. 6; Spiva Art Center
"Rebecca:" An Alfred
Hitchcock thriller; Presented
by the Missouri Southern Film
Society; 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday,
Sept. 24; BSC; Season tickets:
\$7 for adults and \$5 for senior
citizens and students

JOPLIN

Arts and Crafts festival: At
the Joplin Fall Fiesta;
Sponsored by the Joplin Area
Chamber of Commerce; Sept.
7-15

Trío Grande: This high-
energy group from
Pennsylvania will be in Joplin
to give a jazz concert; 2:30
p.m.; Sept. 8; Taylor
Auditorium; Contact C.C.
Fritz at 781-0130

"Futures:" an original work
by Missouri playwright Gary
Blackwood; Sept. 5-8 and
12-15; Stone Throw Theatre;
Carthage

SPRINGFIELD

Amy Grant: Sept. 6;
Hammons Student Center,
Southwest Missouri State
University; Tickets: \$14.50 for
Missouri Southern students
through CAB; 625-9320

Art Exhibit: Contents and
Contents by John Wilson;
Drury College gallery

A Chorus Line: Sept. 12-29;
Springfield Little Theatre

The Dreamer: Weekends,
Sept. 20-Oct. 28; Stained Glass
Theatre

The Gold Medal Winner:
Sept. 21; Springfield
Symphony

TULSA

David Copperfield:
Thursday, Sept. 9; 6:30 and
9:30 p.m.; Tickets: \$22.50,
\$18.50, and \$12.50; Brady
Theatre; 918-582-7239

The Judds: With Pirates of
the Mississippi and Billy
Dean; Saturday, Sept. 14
Mabee Center; Tickets: \$24.50
and \$19.50; 918-584-2000

My Fair Lady: Sept. 3-8;
Brady Theatre; 587-5454

Steven Curtis Chapman: 11
a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 13;
Mabee Center; 254-1069

Cats: 8 p.m.; Sept. 17-18;
Tulsa Performing Arts Center;
1-800-364-7111

KANSAS CITY

Michael Bolton: Time Love
and Tenderness Tour; 8 p.m.;
Friday, Sept. 20; Sandstone;
816-931-3330

Ringling Bros. and Barnum
and Bailey Circus: Sept. 4;
Kemper Arena; Tickets: \$7

Tom Petty and the
Heartbreakers: 8 p.m.;
Saturday, Aug. 31; Municipal
Auditorium

Musical: Grand Hotel; Sept.
24-29; Midland Theatre
David Copperfield: 6 and 9
p.m. Sept. 21; 2 and 6 p.m.
Sept. 22; Midland Theatre

ST. LOUIS

San Francisco Ballet: 8 p.m.
Sept. 27; 2 and 8 p.m. Sept.
28; Dance St. Louis

The Moody Blues: With
special guest Kansas; 8 p.m.;
Thursday, Aug. 29; The Muny
Starfest

The St. Louis Symphony
Orchestra: 8 p.m.; Thursday,
Sept. 19; Riverboat
Amphitheatre; 314-968-1800

Southern Theatre
to hold auditions

'Black Comedy' set for late October

By NICOLE DAVISON
STAFF WRITER

Black Comedy will keep the
audience in the dark, literally.
The upcoming Southern The-
atre production opens on a dark
stage, which is light to the char-
acters, until a fuse is blown which
throws them in the dark and the au-
dience into the light.

"Black Comedy," said Dr. Jay
Fields, director of the theatre, "is a
theatre term which means a play
that makes fun of a serious subject."
"This play is a take-off of that
kind of theatre."

Black Comedy is about a girl who
brings her wealthy father to meet
her fiancé, a sculptor. The fiancé
steals his wealthy neighbor's furni-
ture to impress his future father-in-
law. A blackout occurs, and the
neighbor returns, which is only the
beginning of complications.

Fields calls the playwright, Peter

Shaffer, "brilliant and very versa-
tile." Shaffer also is responsible for
Equus and *Amadeus*.
Auditions for *Black Comedy* will
be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Taylor
Auditorium.

Those auditioning need a 90-sec-
ond prepared monologue as well as
a 30-second monologue to show the
ability to handle the British dialect.

Last semester, the theatre depart-
ment had trouble finding enough
cast for *Fiddler on the Roof*, a
musical.

"This show isn't a musical at all,"
said Fields. "The theatre kids are
really psyched."

He said theatre productions take
much extra time but everyone is en-
couraged to audition.

Additional information concern-
ing the auditions is posted on the
bulletin board in Taylor Auditorium.

Black Comedy is scheduled to run
Oct. 23-26 in Taylor Auditorium.

Southern Theatre
1991-92 Season

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| Sept. 18-21 | "The Shadow Box" |
| Oct. 23-26 | "Black Comedy" |
| Dec. 7-8 | "The Fisherman and the Flounder" |
| Feb. 5-8 | "Cyote Ugly" |
| Feb 29-March 1 | "The Swords of Xanadavia" |
| April 15-18 | "Godspell" |

A SILENT CRITIC

Eddie Avelar, junior art major, critiques a work in Spiva Art Center while one exhibit seems to make some observations of its own.

Exhibit
offers
variety

By BETH STAGGS
STAFF WRITER

Spiva Art Center is displaying a
Smith Kramer exhibition from
the Butler Institution of Amer-
ican Art in Youngstown, Ohio.

This is just one of the many Smith
Kramer exhibitions Missouri South-
ern has displayed. The exhibit is par-
tially funded by the Missouri Arts
Council and is scheduled to appear
at a number of major institutions.

"Although it is not a compre-
hensive survey of American art, it does
include a wide range of styles," said
Val Christensen, Spiva director.

The period depicted in the exhibit
encompasses 1840-1960. Among the
styles featured are Hudson River
School (realism), American Impres-
sionists (concerns of light and
mood), American Scene painters,
and Abstract Expressionists.

Artists represented include George
Inness, a 19th-century landscape
painter, and Oscar Berninghaus,
who painted several murals for the
Missouri State Capitol. The exhibit
also boasts works by Grandma Moses
and Andy Warhol.

"It really is our major exhibition
this year," Christensen said. "I think
it's an opportunity to see quite a
range of American artists. There
should be something in the exhibit
to satisfy everyone's tastes."

The Smith Kramer exhibit is tour-
ing 12 major institutions, including
the Minnesota Museum of Art in St.
Paul, Minn.; The Arkansas Art Cen-
ter in Little Rock, Ark.; The Dixon
Gallery and Gardens in Memphis,
Tenn.; and The Nelson-Atkins Mu-
seum of Art in Kansas City.

"It provides a good overview of
the direction art has taken in Amer-
ica," Christensen said.

The exhibit contains more than 60
small paintings, most of which mea-
sure less than 16 by 20 inches. All but
two of these are oil paintings.

According to Clyde Singer, assis-
tant director and curator of the
Butler Institute of American Art,
these small pieces provide the artist
with a welcome release from his or
her challenging works.

"The play quality in producing
small works often result with an
avoidance of tension," he said.

A variety of themes and styles are
represented in the exhibit. Themes
popularized by paintings of the era
include the "Life of the People"
theme, the French Barabizon manner
of painting the outdoors, and depic-
tion of the old west. Also, many
landscapes and pastorals can be
seen.

The exhibit opened Sunday and
continues through Oct. 6.

'Under the Influence' informative, well-written
Several incidents in Anheuser-Busch biography interesting in tabloidesque way

By T.R. HANRAHAN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

*Under the Influence: The Unauthorized
Story of Anheuser-Busch*, by Peter Hernon
and Terry Ganey, (461 pages; Simon and
Schuster, \$24.95)

Underworld deals and non-
alcoholic products used for
home brewing made Anheuser-
Busch America's largest probi-
bition-era bootlegger.

According to Peter Hernon and
Terry Ganey, authors of
*Under the In-
fluence: The Unauthorized
Story of Anheuser-Busch*, the brewery
looked the other direction
while mob-
ster Al Capone stole brewery equip-

ment and in return found a large
market for their yeast and sugar
products.

Anheuser-Busch survived probi-
bition not only because of dealings like
these, but also through the sale of
other products which helped enter-
prising people circumvent Prohibition.

"If you really want to know the
truth," Hernon and Ganey quote
August A. "Gussie" Busch as saying,
"we ended up as the biggest bootleg-
ging supply house in the United
States. Every goddamn thing you
could think of. Oh, the malt syrup
cookies! You could no more eat the
malt syrup cookies. They were so
bitter...It damn near broke Daddy's
heart."

These accounts are typical of the
best passages from *Under the In-
fluence*. The stories of Prohibition
and the colorful reign of Gussie
Busch over the brewery and the St.
Louis Cardinals provide the best

entertainment and insight into the
Busch dynasty.

The book also chronicles the com-
pany's founding and growth, as well
as the family's personal foibles. Her-
non and Ganey, writers for the *St.
Louis Post-Dispatch*, paint a picture
of a family obsessed with success at
any cost, victimized by the U.S. gov-
ernment during both world wars
due to their German ties, and their
stop-at-nothing attitude toward the
brewing business.

While interesting and informative,
Under the Influence does not quite
live up to the advanced billing on the
book jacket. Phrases like "shocking"
to describe the meeting with Capone
seem a little extreme. Any meeting
with a crime figure like Capone is
worthy of note, but it should be
remembered that Capone had en-
counters with many of the promi-
nent business persons of the 1920s.

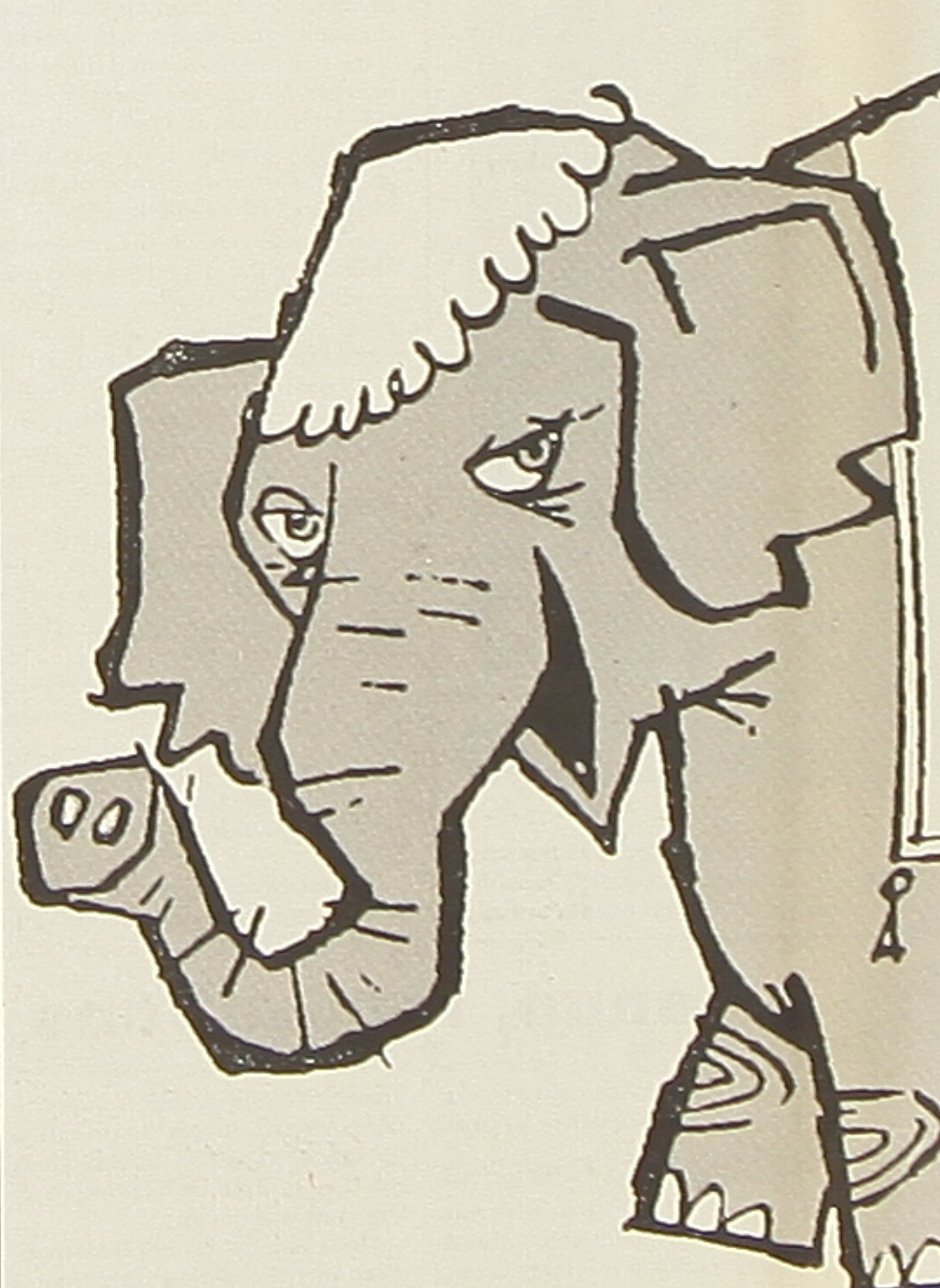
Many of the other incidents de-

picted in *Under the Influence* are in-
teresting in a tabloidesque way, but
more so because of the human fas-
cination with the wealthy and power-
ful than because of their shock value.
If the same problems existed in a less
public family, they hardly would be
newsworthy.

Nonetheless, *Under the Influence*
is a solid piece of investigative report-
ing. Hernon and Ganey explore the
history of both the brewery and the
Busch family in great detail. This is
all the more extraordinary because
the Buschs refused even limited co-
operation. The brewery directed
employees to notify the "right peo-
ple" if approached by either author.

Under the Influence is a well-
written piece of work on a power-
ful and influential family. Many
unauthorized biographies become
nothing more than a volume of gos-
sip, without solid research. This
book is the exception.

Don't forget to pick up your Amy Grant Tickets in BSC room 102



Cab Presents.....

Amy Grant
Friday Sept. 6
Hammons Center
at S.M.S.U.
Tickets: \$14.50
with student I.D.

Get your tickets in BSC rm. 102 9-5p.m. Limit two tickets

North Point mall nears completion

First store to open by Christmas

By KAYLEA HUTSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Construction of the North Point Center is continuing on schedule as one store nears completion.

According to Norman Lankford, job superintendent for MECO Systems Inc., subcontractor in charge of the Toys-R-Us building, the job will be completed by Oct. 4.

"[It's] ahead of schedule," Lankford said. "The plan was for Oct. 4, but we are hoping to beat that, and barring problems we will."

According to Tim Winters, MECO Systems project manager, construction on the store, which began July 1, actually is ahead of schedule.

"Basically the building has to be ready [for Toys-R-Us] to start moving in as of Oct. 4. We are hoping to be totally out of here by then."

The Joplin Toys-R-Us store, patterned after the Springfield location, plans to open in time for the Christmas season.

Winters said Toys-R-Us primarily hires college students.

"That's all they have in Springfield: kids who go to SMSU and different colleges," he said. "They kind of shy away from hiring high school kids. If there are colleges in the town they will hire a bunch of college kids."

While construction of each building is handled by separate contractors based on the lowest bid, the project is being headed by the Woodmont Corporation, Ft. Worth, Texas.

According to Reed Oatman, development partner with Woodmont, the construction of the center will be completed in three stages. The Toys-R-Us store is the first stage. The second stage will be a Phar-Mor store.

"Phar-Mor has a confirmed opening for early spring 1992," Oatman said.

According to Oatman, construction of Phar-Mor originally was planned to be completed soon after Toys-R-Us. However, because of delays, that plan changed.

"We weren't able to get [Phar-Mor] under construction prior to winter," he said. "The opening date is next spring."

According to Oatman, the rest of the center will contain 10,000 square feet of floor space. This area either can be used for 10 stores with 1,000 square feet of space, or five stores with 2,000 square feet of space.

Toys-R-Us will occupy 46,000 square feet, while Phar-Mor will utilize 65,000 square feet.

According to Oatman, the site for the center was chosen "because it was the best available piece of property in Joplin."

While some have raised questions concerning the name similarity between North Point and Northpark Mall, Oatman said the name was not selected because of the mall.

"The name was chosen because of the proximity of the site," he said, "which is on the north side of Joplin."

According to Oatman, Woodmont has completed its purchase of the old Elms Center property and Highway Department buildings, but has not completely finished taking possession of all properties. Final possession should be completed in 1993.

According to James Zerkel, president of Snyder Construction, construction of the parking lots and road work is right on schedule. He said roadwork along Seventh Street will be completed by Nov. 1.

HEAVY-DUTY RECYCLING



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Sean McNeely, of Ohme Brothers, Inc. masonry contractors, salvages broken masonry from the construction site of North Point Center.

Southern, students serve Vision Joplin

By CHAD HAYWORTH
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Vision Joplin, the 10-year strategic planning project sponsored by the city of Joplin, the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, and Missouri Southern, has been holding town hall meetings since July.

The meetings, held by each of the 10 Vision Joplin task forces, are designed to elicit public opinion on areas affecting Joplin's future.

Mike Pence, coordinating committee chairman, sees the city's future intertwined with that of Southern's.

"Missouri Southern owes a lot to the community, and the community owes a lot to Missouri Southern," Pence said. "The two have worked harmoniously in the past."

"As a member of this community, they (Southern) have a major responsibility to be involved in community affairs."

A similar project started in 1962 suggested the creation of a four-year college in Joplin, and College President Julio Leon said that alone was reason to take part in Vision Joplin.

"Our existence as a four-year college is the direct result of a similar group some years ago," Leon said. "Their vision helped us, so it is important that we help to shape the future of Joplin."

Tom Simpson, assistant professor of political science, is coordinating a staff of three students working on the project. Simpson hand-picked juniors Alecia Ward, Chris Forbes, and Rick McConnell.

All three receive student-help monies for their efforts, but Simpson said the work involved is for far more than a paycheck.

"They are learning more than they ever could have in the classroom," he said. "I don't think these kids ever had any idea they could affect their community like they have."

"[Vision Joplin] is as good a teaching tool as I've ever seen."

Each staff assistant is responsible for researching and coordinating information for the task forces, as well as attending task force meetings and staffing an office in the Municipal Building.

"[Vision Joplin] gives us insight into exactly what goes on in the community," Ward said. "It also tests our communication skills. I deal with citizens, committee members, and community celebrities almost daily."

The staff, Simpson said, reflects the type of students attending the College.

"You can't know how great it is to see your kids go from the classroom to the real world and excel as they have," he said. "I think it is reflective of the type of students we have here at Southern."

Health issues were the discussion topic at the Aug. 22 town hall meeting. Representatives from nearly all facets of the area's health care com-

munity spoke to the health task force on concerns about the future of area health care.

Once the series of town hall meetings are completed in September, the task forces are scheduled to meet and formulate a final report. The reports will be sent to a coordinating committee by Dec. 31, outlining goals for each task force's area.

The Vision Joplin staff, along with the coordinating committee, will compile the 10 task force reports into a comprehensive "blueprint for action." The report is scheduled to be released publicly April 1.

Pence said he hoped to see action on the Vision Joplin plan by next summer.

A town hall meeting on recreation, leisure, and arts will be held tonight at 7 in the Joplin City Council chambers.

Persons interested in becoming involved in Vision Joplin may call 624-0820, Ext. 652.

Joplin area zone exhibits strength

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

According to figures released in July by the economic development commission, the Joplin-Webb City enterprise zone ranked second in the state in economic growth.

According to Gary Tonjes, president of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, Joplin trailed only St. Joseph in total investment and value of tax credits issued, and Springfield in total jobs created within the zone.

"The commission compares all enterprise zones since they (enterprise zones) began," Tonjes said. "This means that in the history of all zones, Joplin ranks second in the state."

Tonjes said the first enterprise zones were created in Missouri in 1983. Joplin applied for and received a zone in 1985, and Webb City became a zone in 1987.

According to Tonjes, enterprise zones act as a catalyst for economic development by providing local property tax abatements and state income tax credits to businesses that move into or expand within the zone.

"The zone is an outstanding incentive for existing companies to expand as well as new companies' relocation to this area," Tonjes said.

Armed with figures proving the effectiveness of enterprise zones on the state level, Tonjes said he and other officials met with Sen. John Danforth (R-Mo.) to work for passage of a federal enterprise zone bill.

"It is Sen. Danforth's desire to create on the federal level that which has worked so well in Missouri," Tonjes said.

Should the bill pass, local officials are working to get one of the 50 enterprise zones created by the bill set up in Joplin.

"We have communicated to Sen. [Kit] Bond (R-Mo.), Sen. Danforth, and to Congressman [Mel] Hancock (R-Mo.) that we would like to be considered as a candidate for a federal enterprise zone," Tonjes said.

In conjunction with this effort, local officials are working to get Housing and Urban Development Secretary Jack Kemp to visit Joplin this fall.

"We want him to show him the success we've had with our zone," Tonjes said.

Restaurant near College serves up 50s nostalgia

By KIRBY FIELDS
STAFF WRITER

Class Reunion, a new restaurant with a decidedly 1950s flare, is giving students and local residents a trip down memory lane.

Appreciation for the past is apparent in the restaurant's decor. The walls contain photographs of 1950s heroes Marilyn Monroe, John Wayne, and Elvis Presley. The bulk of the period items in the restaurant came from various shops and flea markets in the four-state area.

Little things like the phone number (623-1950), the black and white checkered floor, an all-olddies juke box (the most recent song is "Hey Jude"), and burgers named the Big Bopper and Chubby Checker contribute to the theme.

The restaurant, at Seventh and Duquesne, is owned by the Class Reunion Corporation. Three local businessmen, headed by principal owner and supervisor Steve Whitehead, collaborated on the idea for nearly a year. The establishment opened in early June.

"They (the owners) wanted to make it a 50s theme," said Kim Mitchell, manager. "They figured there would be some money in it, but they also really love that era."

In addition to the nostalgia gimmick, Class Reunion's success likely will be influenced by its location.

"We're really in a prime location," Mitchell said. "We mainly put it here because we're so close to the College."

The restaurant's success has caused the owners to consider expansion.

The success of the restaurant was not without debate, however. Its neon pink exterior was the subject of some debate in the early stages of development.

Nearly neighbors and merchants at one time threatened to start a petition that would force Class Reunion to change its color. The threats were never carried out.

"The owners thought it (the color) would really stand out, and sure enough, it does," Mitchell said. "It's really effective. Everybody who comes in here comments on the color. We've even got pink parking lines in the lot."

ROAD READY



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Mike Pegg, a driver with Contract Freighters Inc., services the cab of one of the 1,300 trucks in the company's fleet. Pending receipt of state funds, CFI expects to relocate its Joplin headquarters.

CFI expands operations Local trucking firm moves to larger facility

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Pending the infusion of state funds for improvements, Contract Freighters Incorporated (CFI) will relocate and expand its Joplin headquarters.

Angelo Ianello, vice president of finance for CFI, said approval of a community development block grant is the first step in moving the headquarters. CFI hopes to move from its current location at 32nd Street and Davis Boulevard to a 160-acre tract on the northeast corner of 32nd Street and Duquesne Road.

"We will close on the land soon after receiving a positive response from the state," Ianello said. "Construction of the new headquarters should begin 60 days after that."

According to Gary Tonjes, Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce president, the city expects a commitment from the state on the block grant in about 60 days.

"The company has indicated that without contribution by the state of about \$500,000, it does not make economic sense for them to purchase that ground," Tonjes said. "The grant will be used to provide water, sewer, gas, and other basic services to the site."

CFI has been approached by several other states to move its headquarters out of Joplin, according to Tonjes.

"Kansas and Oklahoma have offered significant benefits to encourage CFI to move to their state,"

Tonjes said. "We believe we and the state should do everything in our power to make sure a company of this quality stays in Missouri."

Tonjes said CFI has good potential for future growth.

"CFI is an outstanding company which has experienced tremendous growth over its 40-year history," he said.

CFI was founded in 1951 in Joplin by Roy Reed and Ursul Lewellen. Reed and Lewellen began the company with a few trucks and \$125,000 in assets. The company now employs 1,700 people, including 500 in the Joplin area, and operates 1,300 tractors. Revenue for 1990 totaled \$120 million, and 1991 projected revenue is \$135 million.

"We started out as a small company but deregulation has allowed us to expand into the national and international arena," Ianello said. "We now operate all over the United States as well as parts of Canada and Mexico."

Ianello said Joplin offers many positives to CFI, including a good location with access to Interstate 44 and an abundant supply of workers.

Ianello also said Joplin's location in southwest Missouri puts CFI in central position in today's market.

Tonjes said these and other reasons indicate that CFI fits well in the fabric of Joplin.

"We believe that this is the type of company that provides significant opportunity for growth in the future," Tonjes said.

Frisco Trail cleanup, renovations underway

The Frisco Trail, an abandoned section of train track, is currently being renovated into a recreational trail.

The Joplin Trails Coalition, a group formed to aid the renovation efforts, seeks funds and volunteers. The 4.37-mile trail recently was

donated to Jasper County by the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company.

Beginning behind the Webb City High School, the Frisco Trail runs southwest across Zora and St. Louis Streets and ends near Turkey Creek.

The trail is covered with loose

gravel, but the coalition hopes to raise enough money to install a smooth, hard-packed surface, which could be utilized by bicycles, strollers, and wheelchairs.

One clean-up day has been sponsored by the coalition. Participants cleared a quarter-mile section of

broken railroad ties, spikes, and debris. Another clean-up day is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. Sept. 14, at the St. Louis entrance to the trail.

Persons who would like more information on the Frisco Trail or The Joplin Trails Coalition may contact Cliff Walker at 781-1664.



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Lions' baseball season one to remember

Southern finishes second in NCAA Division II

By **ROD SHETLER**
CHART REPORTER

Making good on a season-long promise to their fans, the baseball Lions ended their season at the NCAA Division II World Series in Montgomery, Ala. The Lions, 48-13, finished second in NCAA Division II behind Jacksonville State, who won the championship game 20-4 on June 1.

"At the beginning of the year everyone had their sights set on getting to the World Series," said shortstop David Fisher. "After we blew through the conference and had the regional at home, we weren't going to be stopped from going."

After the record-setting season the Lions had put together, it made a title game loss seem unlikely.

"We saw Jacksonville a couple of

nights before, and they didn't show us much of anything," said Fisher. "It was just one of those days where everything we threw up there they hit."

Head Coach Warren Turner didn't think nerves played any part in the loss.

"We didn't have a pre-game talk or anything, but I don't think we were nervous at all," he said. "They were the best team, they put a lot of runs on the board, and they won the game."

On its way to the final game, Southern defeated Longwood College and Florida Southern, the No. 1-ranked team in NCAA Division II. The Lions dropped their next game in the double-elimination tournament 11-8 to Longwood, but bounced back to send Longwood packing the next day 9-6.

To reach the national tournament in Alabama, the Lions hosted and won the MIAA championship and the central regional tournament.

"We woke up the whole city of Joplin with the conference and regional wins," said reliever Todd Casper, who led the Lions in appearances with 21 and saves with six. "I hope that support will carry over into Southern's other sports this year."

The Lions had four players named to the All-America team last season. Second baseman Tim Casper, third baseman Bryan Larson, and pitcher Tim Luther received first-team honors. Fisher was named to the third team.

In addition to the All-Americans, right fielder Tony Tichy, left fielder Bob Kneefe, and designated hitter Mark Baker all were named to the

all-tournament team.

The success was the result of two factors, according to Turner.

"The players last year were very close knit," he said. "A team must be talented, but you also need that chemistry to be successful."

"The other thing we did was just go out every day and play. Win or lose, we were always very relaxed."

The Lions will need to fill a certain number of holes due to the graduation of outfielders Tom Busch and Tichy, second baseman Tim Casper, first baseman Rocky Williams, and pitcher Ken Grundt.

Four Southern players were taken in the June Major League draft: Luther by the San Francisco Giants in the 12th round, Tim Casper and Grundt by the Giants in later rounds, and Fisher in the 19th round by the Cincinnati Reds. Luther, Casper, and Grundt all signed, but Fisher elected to remain at Southern.

"It was tough to say no," said

Fisher, who was offered a \$7,500 signing bonus. "When they offered me the money it was nowhere close to my offer, so I told them I would stay in school."

"I regret it a little, but not as much as people think. As soon as fall practice starts I won't at all."

Recruiting for this season was done with one purpose in mind.

"Coach didn't pick up a lot of freshmen," said Todd Casper. "He got a lot of juco transfers who already know the game of baseball. He recruited with the sole purpose of going back to the series next year."

One senior will be especially missed by a certain member of the team.

"As soon as we lost to Jacksonville I thought of the seniors and how much I was going to miss my second baseman (Tim Casper)," said Fisher. "I had played for three years with him. He was the only person I knew at second base, and now that he is gone I have lost a friend."



T.R. HANRAHAN

Team captured hearts of College

The last time this column appeared, the rest of last year's Chart sports staff and myself announced the winners of the annual LePage-Smith Awards for excellence in athletics.

We are proud of the teams and individuals we selected, but events over the summer have prompted me to issue a supplemental award.

While most Missouri Southern students busied themselves with summer classes or employment, a very special group reached a plateau of excellence and in the process brought a sense of pride and accomplishment to the entire College.

They are deserving of the *Class Act Award*.

The baseball Lions traveled to Birmingham, Ala., for the NCAA Division II championships and returned as the second-best team in the nation.

As I settled into my personal summer routine, I casually noticed the Lions kept winning. They first hosted and captured the MIAA tournament.

"That's great," I said to myself. Yet I never really gave it much thought.

Next, they hosted and won the NCAA Division II Central Regional tournament.

These guys were on a roll, and I began to pay attention. Apparently, I wasn't the only one.

"The community support when school was out for the summer was great," Jim Frazier, men's athletic director, said. "The way the town embraced the team and got caught up in their progress was overwhelming, exciting, and just plain fantastic."

By the time the Lions took two of three from Longwood College and defeated Florida Southern (the top-ranked team), I was a fanatic. I wanted to see the championship game and kicked myself for not doing so when I had the chance.

Some people on campus did seize the chance, however.

"I felt that with the team playing for the championship, I should make the trip to see the game," College President Julio Leon said. "I go to the games at Becker Stadium all the time."

It's nice to know the College president isn't a fair weather fan. Apparently, not many in Joplin are, evidenced by the sizable crowd that turned out when the Lions returned home after a 20-4 loss in the title game.

"I felt very proud to see 500 or 600 people at Becker Stadium to welcome the team home," Leon said. "The playoffs generated so much community enthusiasm for the baseball team."

That type of enthusiasm isn't really surprising when you consider the positive image the baseball team has cultivated in the community.

"There are a lot of people in this town who feel very good about this program," Leon said. "Their participation in civic activities has earned them a tremendous amount of respect."

Frazier best explained the reason this team's success is good for the College.

"There is no way to put the impact this has had on a one-to-10 scale," he said. "Athletics has a tendency unlike any other facet of college to be exposed to public opinion."

Perhaps, but for my money it is off the field this program really shines. I have the pleasure of living near some of the new players joining the team. They will represent Southern well.

"This team has shown the public not only on the conference and regional levels," Frazier said, "but also on the national level, what type of student-athletes and young persons we have on this campus. We are very proud."

Indeed.

Optimism runs high as first game nears

By **RON FAUSS**
STAFF WRITER

Turning the possibilities into results is the goal of the 1991 football Lions.

"The main thing that we have been focusing on this spring and fall has been performance over potential, and to be finishers," said Jon Lantz, head coach.

The Lions were picked fourth in the MIAA pre-season coaches' poll and sixth in the poll of conference sports information directors. The 14 returning seniors provide the nucleus of what Lantz says is a solid team.

"This has the potential to be the best team I have had at Southern," said Lantz, entering his third year.

The Lions were 4-5 last season, but 6-4 in 1989. The winning record in Lantz' first year was misleading, he said.

"Two years ago we were 6-4 when we had no business being 6-4," he said. "The players started to believe that it was because of them. This season we are more of a team."

Said Jason Wright, senior strong safety, "Right now I would be very disappointed if we didn't finish in the top five (in the MIAA). This is the best squad that we've had since I've been here."

The player grabbing most of the publicity is not a veteran, but newcomer Marques Rodgers. According

to Lantz, the 6-foot-3, 248-pound former Iowa State University tailback improves the team with his presence.

"By getting Marques, it takes a lot of weight off the receivers' shoulders as well as the shoulders of the other backs," Lantz said.

In past seasons, teams were able to focus on senior fullback Cleon Burrell because they knew that he was Southern's only power back. The addition of Rodgers gives opposing defenses another threat to worry about. Tailbacks Scott Wynn and Karl Evans, a transfer from Fort Scott Community College, also figure to see substantial playing time.

Also returning are junior quarterback Matt Cook and senior wide receiver Heath Helsel.

"Heath should have a banner year," said Lantz. "He is as good as he ever was. He may never have the numbers that he had a year or two ago, but he is still a huge threat."

Cook enters the season as the starting signal caller after spending much of last season competing with Rod Smith for the starting job. Smith will be a starter at wide receiver this season.

The offensive line might be the key to the 1991 season. If it remains healthy, it will be an experienced unit.

Last year's edition of the Lions' defense ranked fifth in the MIAA,

TURNING THE CORNER



Marques Rodgers, the Lions' 248-pound tailback, tries to avoid a diving tackle by junior linebacker Tony Hughes in Saturday night's scrimmage. Southern opens the season Sept. 7 at Cameron University.

and Southern returns all but two from that unit. On the defensive line, Chuck Dake, Eddie Herndon, Tony Hughes, Stan Johnson, Jay Pride, and Jeff Henault form a six-man rotation that looks to anchor the defense.

At linebacker, junior Greg Prossak and 1990 rookie of the year Ron Burton will start. Depth is a concern

here also, and Brandon Edmonds and Tony Hughes are slated to handle backup chores.

In the secondary, the Lions must replace second-team all-MIAA pick Lamonte Blanford, who is contributing as a student-assistant coach this season. He will be replaced at the "bandit" position by either Trace Maxwell or Mike Trulock, both of

whom saw considerable playing time last season.

Senior Rick Lairmore returns to handle the place-kicking duties this season, but is expected to turn over the punting to former back-up Jarrett Hurt.

The Lions open the season Sept. 7 at Cameron University in Lawton, Okla.

Freshmen could see action in '91

By **CHAD HAYWORTH**
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Team unity and an influx of freshmen will have to carry the soccer Lions this season, Coach Scott Poertner said.

"This year's team is more united than last year's," he said. "All the younger guys have stepped in well."

Forward Brian Slusser, of Albuquerque, N.M., and Joplin midfielder Ryan Griessmer, both freshmen, could see extensive action this season, Poertner said.

The Lions return seniors Butch Cummins, Eric Mallory, and Bobby Nichols from last season's 7-9-2 squad.

Poertner called junior goalkeeper Jim Kantola "one of the best goalkeepers I've ever seen." But with lack of a true backup, keeping him healthy is a concern for Poertner. A dislocated finger sidelined Kantola for part of last season.

"We had a junior college transfer all ready to come here," Poertner lamented. "But at the last second he backed out."

According to Poertner, the Lions' schedule will be tougher than in past years.

"Fifty percent or more of the teams we play are now NCAA teams," he said. "We are finally playing only the NAIA's top teams."

"This school has been lucky to have this good of a program," he said. "Coach [Hal] Bodon built a solid program here."

Poertner said his goals for the team include a win over the Rivermen of Missouri-St. Louis, something a Southern soccer team has never done. A regular season-ending win over powerhouse Northeast Missouri State University also is a goal.

DRIVING IT HOME



Senior outside hitter Sandy Soeken delivers a spike in a drill Monday night prior to a scrimmage. The Lady Lions open Sept. 13.

Depth could enable Lady Lions to climb

All six starters return for Traywick

By **STACY CAMPBELL**
STAFF WRITER

Depth and experience will be keys to improving on the Missouri Southern volleyball Lady Lions' 14-19 record of last season, according to Debbie Traywick, head coach.

"We are very deep in all positions, which opens up many more options for us," said Traywick. "We can use many different offensive and defensive schemes which will help us once we get into competition."

The team has eight players returning, including all of last season's starters. Seven new players also make up the 1991 roster.

"We already have a lot of continuity in the team even though we are meshing together two different groups," Traywick said. "It is really great to see."

At least one returning Lady Lion shares Traywick's optimism.

"The team's biggest strength is we have 15 incredible players," Missy Beveridge, the team's leading hitter last season, said. "We will always have a strong bench no matter who is on the bench."

The depth also has improved the team's practices.

"With the added players the practices are much more intense, which makes for a stronger team," senior Nico Cockrell said.

"Everyone is fighting for a position all the time, so that also helps the intensity level," Beveridge said. The Lady Lions will concentrate this season on improving their defensive game.

"We want to be known as a good defensive team," said junior Missy Bishop. "We have players who are good blockers, and backline players who will help us accomplish that."

The team will look for leadership from Beveridge, Cockrell, and senior Sandy Soeken, as well as defensive help from junior Stacy Harter and Bishop.

Southern's primary goal is to finish in the top three in the conference race.

"I feel this could be the year that more teams will be competing for the top spot," said Traywick. "Central Missouri State has dominated the conference since its beginning, but they have lost some outstanding players."

"I am not sure if they have replaced them or not. This could be the year that someone finally beats CMSU."

That possibility, according to Traywick, may cloud the conference title picture.

"UMSL could be good, and Missouri Western has some good recruits, but we do not really know what to expect from them," she said. "This is kind of a year of uncertainty in the MIAA."

The Lady Lions have added two tournaments to their home schedule. The first tournament is Sept. 13-14 (the season opener), and the second is Sept. 27-28. Southern also will host the conference championships Nov. 15-16, which excites Traywick.

"It is a good experience, plus we have always played well at home, which may give us the extra edge we need," she said.

"We are all upbeat about the season," Cockrell said. "It is going to be a lot of fun, which will help us play better. In the past we sometimes would be too tense and it would hurt us. This year, we need to just relax and play."

Beveridge said she expects quite a season.



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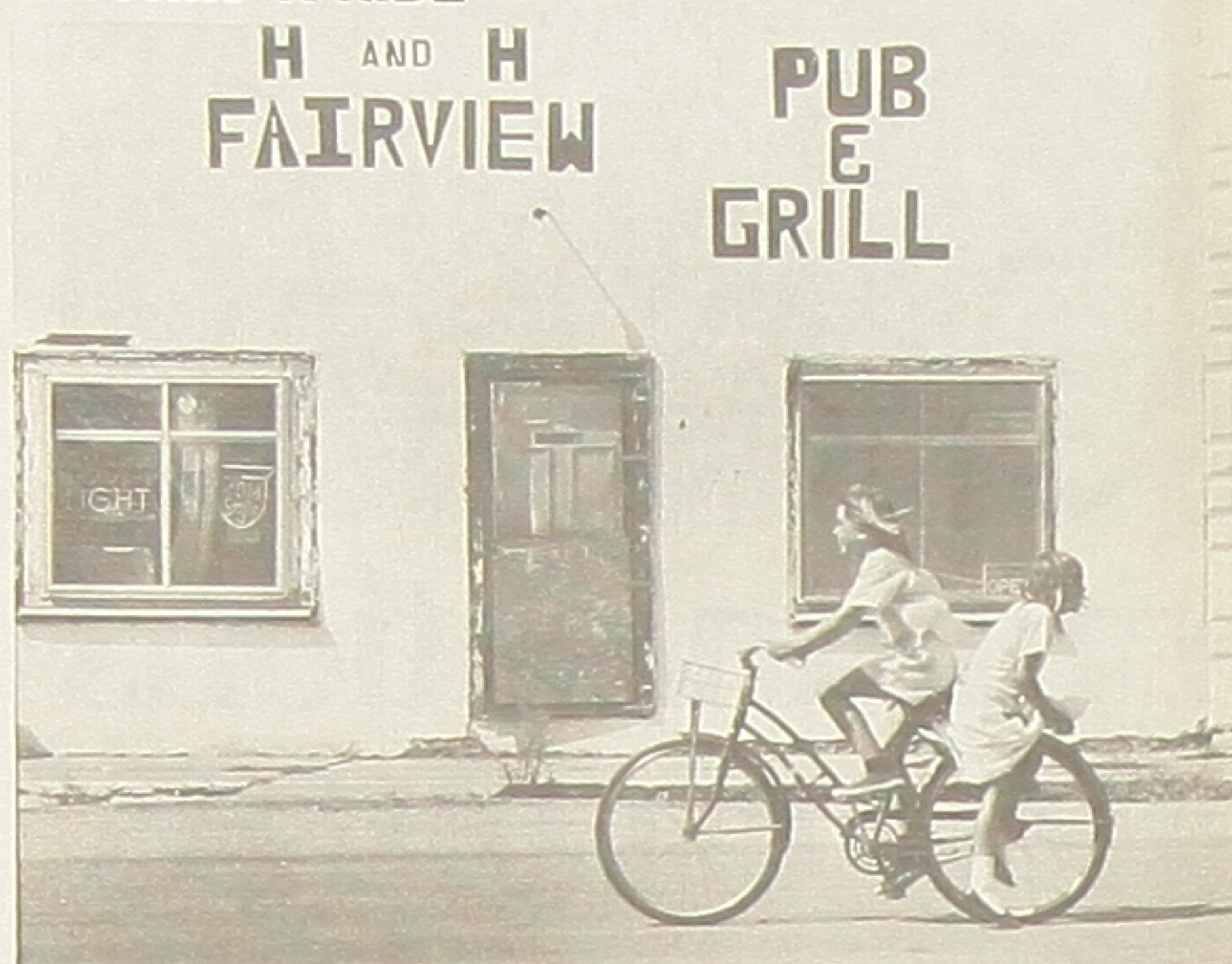


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Southwest Missouri's small towns:

'Quaint little villages' are decaying, but residents still enjoy the rural atmosphere

HITCHIN' A RIDE



Shawna Masters, 10, and her sister, Jamie, 8, take a Sunday bicycle ride down Main Street in Fairview.

CHRIS COX/The Chart

Fairview:

Home of John Q. Hammons on 'comeback trail'

By KAYLEA HUTSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

During its population peak, Fairview was considered one of several large towns in Newton County.

Now, 84 years after being founded as a station site for the Missouri-North Arkansas Railroad, Fairview is home to 298 residents, according to 1990 U.S. Census Bureau reports.

"This [town] was established by Monark Townsite Company in 1907," said Mayor Gene Doughty. "This town was put here and lots began to be sold because the railroad was coming through in September 1907."

The town was named Fairview by Monark, instead of Oliver's City, because of the "fair view one could see" while standing on a knoll in Oliver's pasture.

Fairview had many businesses during its productive era, including two livery stables, a funeral home, and a bank.

James "Mack" Tracy remembers traveling into town with his father and taking wheat to the Pioneer Mill to have it ground.

"It used to be that the Missouri-

North Arkansas Railroad went through here at the park," Tracy said. "I know when we were kids it was a big deal to come down here and meet the train."

The town now boasts a garage, auto salvage, beauty shop, post office, grocery store, convenience store, hardware store, TV repair store, and restaurant.

"We are on the comeback trail here," Doughty said. "We went down to a population of 243, and now we are back over the 300 mark."

He hopes with a few additions, including a new sewer system, the town will be able to grow even more. "We are hoping there will be enough interest to put in senior citizen housing—16 units—within the next two years," he said.

Fairview, 37 miles from Joplin, claims one famous former resident, even if he still is only "Quinton" to them: Springfield entrepreneur John Q. Hammons grew up in the town.

Tracy has one Fourth of July memory which includes Hammons. "We used to have quite a big Fourth of July celebration around here," Tracy said. "Right out of town there is a wheat field, out on the end

of Pioneer Avenue, 86 Highway. Me and my brother and Quinton went out there and moved the wheat shocks back so they could land an airplane or biplane in there."

Tracy said for their help in clearing the landing area, they each were given a free ride in the plane.

Doughty said Fairview now is experiencing a housing shortage.

"We are growing in the past year," he said. "We are looking for more housing; we don't have enough. We have people wanting to move here today."

According to Doughty, many Fairview residents are able to find jobs in the surrounding areas, allowing them to stay in the town.

"It's country living at its best," he said. "We have a lot of the amenities without all of the crime."

Stan Carber, postmaster and 1970 graduate of Missouri Southern, said he enjoys living in the rural area.

"I just like small town living, no traffic—there are lots of benefits," Carber said. "You know everybody by their first name, and it's kind of laid back. If I lived in a big town, everyone would wear ties. Where here, everyone is casual."

Jane:

Loss of highway causes decay

By RACHEL ALUMBAUGH
CHART REPORTER

Artesian wells, rocks, wit, and a small girl are responsible for Jane, Mo., a community that once was a thriving center for farmers.

Established in 1854 after James T. Davenport opened a post office, Jane then was known as White Rock Springs. The town prospered until a highway contract bypassed it in 1931, causing a slow decay of business in the area.

"If the highway had gone through our small town, there would have been no stop to the developing industry," said Ella Lamb, a lifetime resident. "The loss of the highway cut the steady influx of new people to almost nothing, and with the people gone, the money followed."

When tests in 1856 showed White Rock Sulphur Springs was webbed with an underground network of springs, the search for artesian water began. The quest ended in disappointment when a well was drilled and the water found was stale.

After experimentation, the townspeople found the water repelled ticks and other insects. If left uncovered overnight, the smell would dissipate and the water could be used for everyday tasks.

When the myth of the well was

dispelled, White Rock Sulphur Springs faced the challenge of attracting more people to the community. Through a variety of efforts on the part of business leaders, more people began to settle in the town in 1870s.

Jane received its current name from Samuel Ross, the third postmaster for the town. He named it in 1882 after his small daughter, Janey.

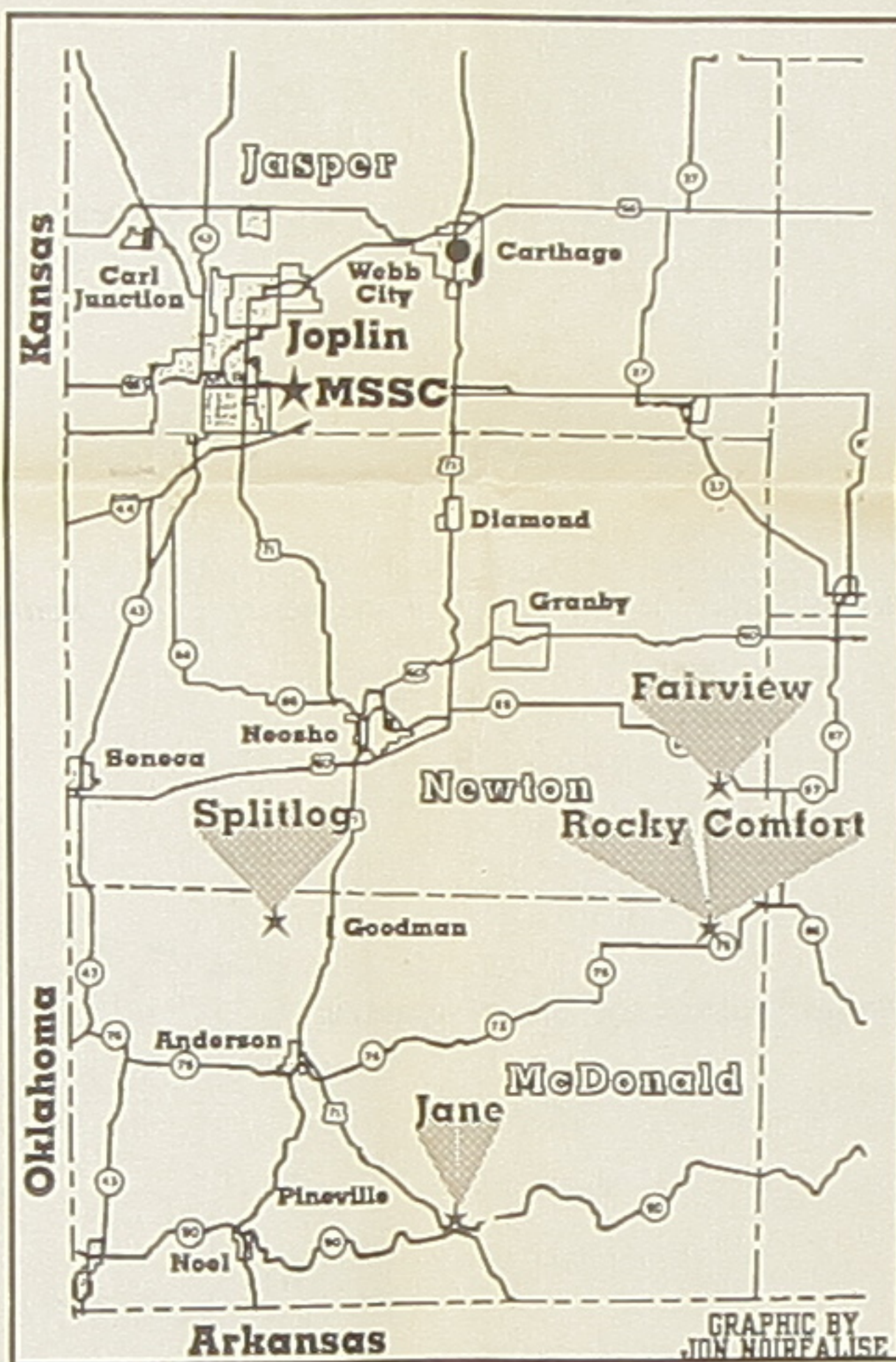
"In the 1920s, Jane was a large business community," Lamb said. "It had three grocery stores, three churches, two barbers, two service stations, a funeral parlor, a dry goods store, a blacksmith, and a feedstore."

The businesses which managed to survive were slowly squeezed out when plans for the highway bypassed Jane in favor of a more direct route.

The people of Jane have tried to recultivate interest in their small town. One idea being promoted is the Jane Prairie Festival, a way of drawing tourists and locals in to recreate an atmosphere of the past.

"We sponsor a beauty pageant for young girls in the community," said Kathy Johnson, president of Epsilon Sigma Alpha. "For the pageant we encourage the participants to dress as their ancestors did."

The people of Jane also have spoken out about the loss of their zip code in 1990. Letters to the postal service and government officials have had little effect on their plight.



Rocky Comfort:

By RACHEL ALUMBAUGH
CHART REPORTER

Seven artesian wells formed the basis of this small town named for the pleasure residents find in its rocky valley.

Rocky Comfort, once a boom town, is now a quiet community where farming is the predominant way of life in the valley.

A once-bubbling artesian well still is the cornerstone of the town. Boarded-up and dry, the well serves as a reminder of what used to be.

Founded as a trading post and later made into a settlement, Rocky Comfort slowly spread outward from a homestead known as the Red Oak Farm. The town began to grow after the post office opened in 1866. The business community consisted of a grocery store, druggist, hotel, harness shop, meat market, furniture store, blacksmith, attorney, physicians, stock dealers, and a justice of the peace.

"Rocky continued to grow until a fire occurred Feb. 15, 1925," Cloteel Atkins, McDonald County collector, said. "The blaze destroyed one side of the town."

A second fire, in 1932, gutted the opposite side of Main Street.

"After those two blazes, the town had trouble rebuilding due to a lack of money in the area," Atkins said.

Businesses that were able to recuperate were plagued by another disaster a few years later. A cyclone that ripped through the Rocky Comfort area took several farm houses before sweeping through town and leveling the few remaining buildings.

According to Atkins, the worst setback was not the weather but the decisions of a railroad company.

"I think the fatal blow to the town happened when the railroad asked permission to come through the town due to the ample water supply offered by the seven artesian wells," she said. "Instead, the railroad went two and one-half miles northeast of Rocky through a small town named Wheaton."

Due to a decline in small business and the loss of the railroad contract, Rocky Comfort suffered through a period of decline. Buildings now stand empty, foundations poke up through the skeletons of surrounding buildings, the well no longer flows, and the garage is covered by overgrown grass.

"Rocky has gone back to how it used to be," Atkins said. "The small towns in this area are all going back to the small existence that they built booming towns on."

"I know they won't be there forever, but hopefully somebody will still remember the quaint little villages that started middle America."

Splitlog:

Gold rush scam helped create town in 1887

By KAYLEA HUTSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

While it began as a boomtown during a fraudulent gold rush, the southwest Missouri community of Splitlog is now just another small town.

According to Gene Hall, McDonald County clerk and resident of the Splitlog area, the gold rush which helped create the town in turned out to be a conspiracy against the town's founder, Mathias Splitlog.

"The gold turned out to be

of gold found in this area."

According to Hall, these men were out to make a profit at Mathias Splitlog's expense.

"It was all a scam by these men to lure him in there to spend his money to purchase the land and so forth."

Splitlog, also known as Splitlog City, was founded by Mathias Splitlog in 1887 as a stopping point for the Kansas City, Ft. Smith, and Southern Railroad Company.

During its most prosperous time, Splitlog contained several businesses.

But after the gold finds turned out to be false, the town slowly began to disappear.

"Basically, when the gold rush didn't prove out, the railroad moved," Hall said. "Instead of coming that way [toward Splitlog] and going into Oklahoma, they cut that part of the railroad off and built the railroad on south through Goodman to Anderson. They bypassed Splitlog by three miles with the railroad."

After Missouri Highway 71 was built and the town also was bypassed by it, a majority of the businesses left Splitlog.

The town now consists mostly of houses, a local garage, and two churches. Agriculture is the primary business.

According to Hall, during the 1940s and 1950s the land surrounding Splitlog served as a large fruit producer. The area included apple orchards, grape vineyards, and straw-

berry fields. Today, however, most of the orchards no longer are producing.

Although Splitlog does not have any city limits because it is not an incorporated town, there are approximately 50 residents in the area. Hall still owns a farm near Splitlog.

"It's home to me, and I feel that there's just a real good group of people around there," he said. "I know

SURVIVING IN SPLITLOG



KAYLEA HUTSON/The Chart

The Splitlog Baptist Church, along with the Church of the Nazarene and a garage, are all that are left in Splitlog. The town thrived in the late 1800s when a gold rush and railroad brought people to the area.

"You have your rural atmosphere, and yet you're close to your work and the services you want."

—Gene Hall, Splitlog resident

nothing but fools' gold," Hall said. "Some unscrupulous people knew that Mr. Splitlog had money, and they apparently salted the area [with gold] to make him think there was gold there."

"He brought all of the equipment in and brought the railroads to the town and built the hotel in anticipation that there was going to be a lot

"Everything that I've read said that it was a thriving community with two blacksmith shops, two stores, a general merchandise store, a hotel," Hall said. "My great uncle operated a grocery store there at the turn of the century, and there was also a restaurant."

Hall estimated the population of that era at several hundred residents.

most of the people around there, and it's just a nice close-knit little community."

According to Hall, the greatest advantage of living in a small community like Splitlog is the rural atmosphere.

"You know your neighbor, and it's only 15 miles into Neosho, 32 miles from Joplin, and three miles from Highway 71. So we are accessible to the cities and the services you want."

"You have your rural atmosphere, and yet you're close to your work and the services you want."

Hall plans to live in the area for the rest of his life.

"I'll have to admit that when I was younger I couldn't wait to leave, to graduate from high school and get out of here," he said. "I thought it was a lot of hard work for little pay."

"I went away to college and then took a job in central Missouri and

spent three years there—the first year I enjoyed it and then spent the next two trying to get back to this area. I like it here; this is home, and I will certainly stay here."

Hall added, "I feel like we are in an area where there is going to be a lot of opportunity and we are going to see a lot of growth. This area down here in the next 10 years will change tremendously from economic growth."

NEXT WEEK: Profiles of small towns in Jasper and Barton counties